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County sales-tax hike heads for ballot

Measure would largely support Alameda County's medical center

By Guy Ashley

STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Desperate for support, Alameda County's Board of Supervisors Tuesday placed a half-cent sales-tax increase on the March 2004 ballot. The measure, which would raise the county's sales tax from 2.5 to 3 percent, is the highest of any

county in the state. But they said the county's legal obligation to provide health care for the poor necessitated the move.

"We don't have any alternative," Supervisor Keith Carson said. "There's an ever-increasing hole in the health care system and we've got to address it."

The measure, which would raise an estimated \$90 million to \$100 million annually, would dedicate 75 percent of its revenues to the Alameda County Medical Center, a network of three public hospitals, three free-standing clinics and other services for the poor and uninsured.

The medical center already

has shut down two outpatient clinics and faces a deficit estimated at \$85.6 million in the coming year. Without a new infusion of money, the center's administration says programs will be pared significantly, and that clinics for AIDS and cancer patients likely will be shuttered.

County supervisors resisted calls to dedicate the remaining 25 percent of the sales tax money to other providers in similar fashion, choosing instead to leave the balance of funding decisions to the discretion of the board — with input from an advisory panel — as they evaluate the county's health care needs annually.

SALES TAX RATE BY COUNTY

- ALAMEDA 8.25 percent
- CONTRA COSTA 8.25 percent
- SOLANO 7.375 percent
- SAN FRANCISCO 8.5 percent

If approved, the measure would hike Alameda County's

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School parcel tax vote postponed

By Kara J. Shire

STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Pointing to the need for more public input, West Contra Costa school board members postponed on Monday night a long-awaited vote to place a parcel tax on the March ballot.

School board trustee George Harris III said the delay would allow more time for residents to digest and offer suggestions on the proposal, which was finalized and released to the public just hours before Monday's meeting.

"Due to a number of unex-

pected events we didn't get the language finalized until 4 o'clock this afternoon," Harris said.

"This has been a process that's been respectful of community and community input ... to take action tonight with so little time for community input would be a step back."

The proposed tax is 6.8 cents per square foot on all property located in the five-city West Contra Costa school district. It would generate \$7.5 million annually during its five-year run.

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Volunteers connect



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

SCULPTURE at the Albany bulb waterfront overlooks a ceremony Thursday, Nov. 20, at which the city honored the volunteers and individual volunteers who helped build a Bay Trail connector to the area. Volunteers helped the city construct the Bay Trail at the western end of Buchanan Street to the bulb; a sign has been erected in appreciation of their efforts. The Bay Trail is a 230-foot loop of trails that circles the Bay. Albany's portion is a narrow, meandering, tree-lined path designed to accommodate foot and bicycle traffic while respecting the natural surroundings. At the ceremony, City Councilman Allan Maris also thanked volunteers who have maintained the trail through the city's Adopt-a-Trail program.

Weekend vandalism disrupts high school

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — English teacher Karen Simontacchi said she knew something was wrong when she came upon the teachers' room before school and found a group discussing that morning's events.

Teachers wondered aloud: How would they teach? Would school close for the day? How would they get their materials out of their classrooms?

"It looked like a teachers' convention," said Simontacchi, a 34-year veteran at El Cerrito High School. "And these were all

teachers who couldn't get into their rooms."

Vandals struck the school sometime between Friday afternoon and Monday morning, jamming screws into door locks and painting obscene graffiti on the walls of the school's north wing and portable classrooms, causing an estimated \$2,000 in damage. Forty-six classrooms were affected, said El Cerrito police Sgt. Peter Statton.

It outraged faculty and administrators and inconvenienced scores of students. Several said

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Armed standoff closes San Pablo for hours

■ Suspect charged with assault, elder abuse

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A man armed with a rifle, who might have been holding his 79-year-old disabled father hostage, brought out 25 police officers, and closed down San Pablo Avenue between Clay Street and Portland Avenue for

more than six hours Saturday night.

John Morgan, a 44-year-old former Albany resident, was charged Wednesday, Nov. 26 by the Alameda County district attorney with assault with a deadly weapon, restricting or delaying an officer, possession of a firearm and elder abuse.

Morgan was arrested Sunday

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Humane Society needs rescue from cash crisis

By Martin Snapp

STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY-East Bay Humane Society has a recognition problem. Despite the name, it's not a society for Albany, El Cerrito, or Kensington, too. It has a financial problem, rescuing so many cats and dogs that it now needs rescuing because of the ongoing economic crisis.

"We're being rescued by the economy," said executive director Lisa Fine. "And individual donors are being rescued by the economy."

Major corporate donors have been cut out, said Fine. "And all salaries have been cut. For the past three years, the penny-pinching is rampant. Current projections are a \$120,000 budget deficit in 2004. After that, it's going to get worse."

Local veterinarians say that if anything happens to the humane society, it would be a disaster.

"This little organization does more, with fewer resources, than any other animal welfare group I know," said Dr. Alan Shiro, president emeritus of the Alameda County Veterinary Medical Association. "Thanks to them, thousands of animals are alive who would otherwise be dead. I shudder to think what it would be like around here without them."

The society's budget crisis may come as a surprise to Berkeley voters, who last year approved Measure I, a multi-million-dollar ballot measure to build a new shelter for Berkeley Animal Control.

"That solved only half the problem," Shiro said. "What people don't realize is that they

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TUE NAM TON/STAFF

THE KAHL FAMILY of El Cerrito (Robert, daughters Isobel, 9, and Miranda, 7, wife Lisa, and son Max, 11), adopted Ellie, 4, from the Humane Society in Berkeley.

Visit is coda to happy adoption

By Martin Snapp

STAFF WRITER

ELLIE the dog made a triumphant return to the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society last Friday.

Ellie, a 78-lb. Russian wolfhound mix, was accompanied by her new family, Rob and Lisa Kahl of El Cerrito and their children: 11-year-old Max, 9-year-old Isobel, and 7-year-old Miranda. "We just wanted to bring her by to say hi," said Lisa.

"It's Ellie!" exclaimed Jacqueline Jones, the shelter manager, as Ellie slobbered kisses on her hand. "How are you, girl?"

"Ellie, you look fantastic!" said canine behaviorist Jennifer Ambacher, stroking the happy dog.

Tom Wullinger, a retired PG&E employee who volunteers every day at the shelter, said nothing. He was crying.

"She was here only for a couple of weeks, but I got really at-

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Concert concentrates on soothing sounds

Healing Muses, a nonprofit group that brings soothing music to hospitals, hospices, convalescent homes and homebound individuals, will perform a concert, "Reflections: Early Celtic and Traditional Music to Soothe and Uplift the Spirit," at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

Musicians will include Eileen Hadidian, Maureen Brennan, Natalie Cox, with guest cellist, Dan Reiter.

The church is at 1501 Washington Ave.

Tickets are \$15-18, and proceeds to benefit the hospital music program.

Call 510-524-5661 or visit www.healingmuses.org.

Joint St. Alban's for a spot of holiday tea

St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany will hold its annual Yuletide Tea and Boutique Sale on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, in the Parish Hall. On sale will be collectibles, gift items, jewelry and baked goods. High tea will be served from 2-4. Tickets: Adults \$6, children \$3. All are cordially invited, of the church at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. For more information, call 510-525-1716.

Prepare for some very, very cold camping

Albany Venture Crew 14 will hold a workshop on hiking and camping in the snow Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Albany Veteran's Memorial Building.

The workshops are for young men and women, ages 14-20. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

The Veteran's Memorial Building is at 1325 Portland Ave. Information: 510-527-3815.

El Cerrito

Home safety is topic of free workshop

Keeping children safe at home, from infants to 5 years old, will be the focus of a free workshop from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Karen Haus from the Contra Costa Child Care Council will cover how to spot potential hazards to children in the typical house, from sharp corners to cabinets that should be off limits, and how to fix them.

An El Cerrito Police officer will be available to fingerprint children on request. Baby-sitting also is available by request.

The workshop is being sponsored by the city of El Cerrito's Recreation Department and the Contra Costa Children and Family Commission, which provided a grant for the event.

The El Cerrito Community Center is at 7007 Moeser Lane. For more information on the event or to request baby-sitting, call 510-215-4375 or 510-215-4390.

Join the city for pancakes, holiday style

The annual holiday pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

The breakfast includes a marionette show at 10:30 a.m. and a toy drive with barrels provided by the fire department. New, unwrapped toys can be donated to the drive and will be given to local children in need.

Tickets are \$8 per person and include the marionette show, and may be purchased at the Community center or charged by phone using a credit card. Information: 510-215-4370.

A capella group will entertain garden club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold its annual holiday luncheon on Friday, Dec. 12, at noon at the Mira Vista Country Club.

Luncheon admission is \$25; the deadline is Monday, Dec. 1. The a capella group Collage will entertain during the luncheon.

The Mira Vista Country Club is at 7900 Cutting Blvd. Information: 510-234-0135.

Contra Costa County

Sessions teach about the watershed

The Aquatic Outreach Institute will present a number of workshops for educators in spring of 2004.

Workshop topics include Kids in Gardens, Watching Our Watersheds and Gardening for Wildlife.

The workshops are presented with support from the CalFed Bay-Delta Program, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Contra Costa Clean Water Program, Contra Costa County Watershed Protection Program, East Bay Municipal Utility District, West Contra Costa Waste Management Authority, and the cities of Antioch, Concord, Hercules, Martinez, Pinole, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek. Academic credit is available through California State University, Hayward.

To register or for a complete list of workshops, visit the Web site, www.aoinstitute.org, or call Mary at 510-231-9430 (e-mail: mary@aoinsite.org). A \$25 pre-registration fee is required for each workshop.

Kensington

Symphony play Strauss, Corelli, more

Guest conductor Timothy Smith, chairman of the music department at California State University, Hayward, will lead the Kensington Symphony in a concert on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

The program includes the works of Strauss, Corelli and Mendelssohn. 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13. Northminster Presbyterian Church.

The special holiday concert begins with Strauss' "Festival March," written when the composer was only 12 years old. Next will be the "Christmas Concerto" by Italian composer/violinist Arcangelo Corelli. Formally known as Concerto grosso No. 8, this work sets a pastoral scene for Christmas Day. Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 concludes the program. Called the "Reformation" symphony, it includes liturgical themes as well as the "Dresden Amen" that appears in Richard Wagner's Parsifal.

Suggested donation: \$10; seniors \$8; children free. Northminster Presbyterian Church is at 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Phone: 510-524-4335.



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ALBANY POLICE

Tuesday, Nov. 18

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a white Ford F150 on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue and arrested the driver, a Rodeo man, for DUI and probation violations. He was cited and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **HUBCAPS STOLEN** — A resident on the 800 block of Madison Street reported that during the night someone took all four hubcaps off her vehicle. There were no witnesses.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

■ **PURSE STOLEN** — An Albany woman reported that her coin purse had been taken while she was at the Senior Center on the 800 block of Masonic Avenue. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, Nov. 20

■ **LICENSE PLATE STOLEN** — A

resident on the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves stole the back license plate off his blue Geo during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 4 p.m. officers arrested a 38-year-old Albany man on the 800 block of Cleveland Avenue for an outstanding Albany warrant for driving on a suspended license and having no proof of insurance in the amount of \$1,628. He was cited and released.

■ **VANDALISM** — During the evening hours two residents reported their vehicles had been scratched while parked on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue.

Friday, Nov. 21

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a gray Chevrolet Silverado that was parked on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street.

Saturday, Nov. 22

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 1:15 a.m. officers arrested an Albany woman for disorderly conduct when they found her intoxicated and unable to care for herself. She was cited and held to be released when sober.

■ **CITY VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Richmond police located a City of Albany vehicle reported as stolen several weeks prior. They did not have anyone in custody and a city employee picked up the vehicle.

■ **HAPPY ENDING** — Shortly before midnight thieves stole a blue '93 Saturn from the 800 block of Washington Avenue. The owner saw the vehicle as it was heading west on Washington Avenue. At about 2:30 a.m. it was located in Kensington.

Monday, Nov. 24

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At

EL CERRITO POLICE

Wednesday, Nov. 12

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Someone took a white 1996 Saturn from the 2600 block of Francisco Way between 10:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

Thursday, Nov. 13

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A red 1993 Dodge Caravan was reported stolen from the 7700 block of Terrace Drive between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Between 6 p.m. Nov. 13 and 10:30 the next morning someone took a blue 1995 Chevrolet Cheyenne truck from the 3000 block of Carlson Boulevard.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Just before midnight officers recovered a beige 1988 Honda Accord at South 56th Street and Carlos Avenue. It had been reported stolen on Nov. 13 in Richmond.

Friday, Nov. 14

■ **BURGLARY** — At about 11:15 p.m. someone forced entry into a garage in the 2400 block of Tulare Avenue and stole a lawn mower and tools. Someone also tried to enter the house by turning off the power in an attempt to defeat the alarm system.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — On the 500 block of Oak Street between 11:45 p.m. and 8:30 the next morning, someone broke a wing window of a vehicle, entered and stole a stereo and CDs.

Sunday, Nov. 16

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Vandals shattered a vehicle's window and took property from the 500 block of Nov. 16 and 6:15 the next morning on the 5400 block of Silva Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Someone took a green 1995 four-door Saturn from the 1700 block of Manor Circle between 8 p.m. Nov. 16 and 7:34 the next morning. It was later recovered.

Monday, Nov. 17

■ **BURGLARY** — Someone entered a residence on the 500 block of Everett Street by an unlocked front door between 6 and 8 p.m. and took a watch and three sweatshirts.

■ **COUNTERFEIT CHECKS** — Two men tried to cash counterfeit checks at a bank on the 9000 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 3:55 p.m. They fled before the transaction was completed.

■ **STOLEN CREDIT CARD** — A man tried to rent a room at a motel on the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue with a credit card that was suspected stolen at about 11:10 p.m. The same man was seen by officers the next day leaving Target with items bought with the card. Police say he had used it at several other businesses. A 45-year-old was arrested and released.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A black 1997 four-door Honda Civic was reported stolen from the 10000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 7 and 8 p.m.

Helping the hungry

MEMBERS OF El Cerrito School's Leadership from left, Eran Aguilera, Bullard, 16, Jeremy Wang and Gailyn Birkenhead, hoist some of the items collected during the food drive. But what you see is just a fraction of what was collected. — teacher Nancy St. Boisvein said there were to collect 1,000 items. ECHS community center that, donating 1,500 lbs. of food is being donated to Contra Costa Food Bank.

Summary

During the week of Nov. 18, the city towed two cars, responded to false alarms, attended to deceased animals, and a person who was locked out of his house or car. In the course of the week, officers responded to one for property recovery, 16 citations and 125 civil complaints. Police arrested 145 vehicles or persons, issuing 69 citations and 70 tickets. Firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and 14 medical calls.

the 5000 block of Contra Costa between 4 p.m. Nov. 18 and the next day.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — At about 1 p.m. a man entered a store on Plaza, took an empty bag and filled it with \$155 worth of goods, from which he had stolen \$155 worth of goods. Police arrested the man after he left the store paying for the merchandise taken to Martinez jail.

Thursday, Nov. 20

■ **BURGLARY** — Someone broke through the door of a business at Plaza at about 2:30 a.m. to get into the building.

Books galore at Friends of Library sale

RICHMOND — The Friends of the Richmond Public Library will hold a large book sale at the Richmond Public Library from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Proceeds from the book sale will provide much needed support for the library.

The sale will be held in the library's MFV Community Room, 325 Civic Center Plaza, members will get a special offer, at 10 a.m.

The book sale will be for the general public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: 620-6561.

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Neighbors

Parent workshop stresses consistency

...allows city to offer
...of free programs

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

CERRITO — A child will be likely to act out — misbehave — if he or she develops a sense of value and confidence, said family therapist Kim Mack. To develop those qualities, parents should display consistency and grab the reins early. They should discipline their child with logical consequences instead of punishing. Mack encourages good behavior and discourages bad behavior.

ARENT RKSHOP

Home safety workshop for parents with children under 5 on Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 7 to 8 p.m.

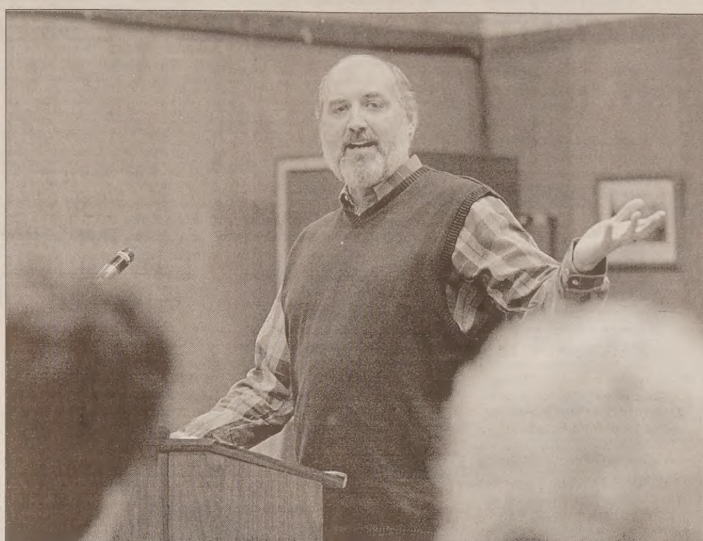
El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Free. Baby-sitting available upon request.

For information: Call 510-215-4390 or 510-215-4390.

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FAMILY THERAPIST Kim Mack offers advice on "Dealing with Difficult Behavior in Children," one of a series of free workshops being offered to parents by the city of El Cerrito.

"What's the most important thing in parenting?" Mack asked. "Consistency, consistency, consistency."

Parents can help to develop good qualities in their children by encouraging good behavior and not bad behavior. They should provide positive feedback and affirmation for things children do well often and immediately after an action is done. That will encourage the child to continue to act in positive ways.

"Love and praise them as much as possible," he said.

Bad behavior can mean the child is looking for attention if they're not getting it in positive ways. Bad behavior can eventually be distinguished if parents discourage it. One way to do that: Ignore it.

If a child is having a tantrum, isolate him or her until it stops, he said.

"Kids who throw a tantrum always want an audience," Mack said. "They like an audience. That's why you should get every-

one away and isolate them."

The child is looking for love and acceptance when they're throwing the tantrum. If they don't get it, they will eventually stop.

"Go in another room, put on a headset, call a friend, do whatever you have to do."

Focus on behavior

In addition, parents can begin disciplining children as young as 2, focusing on their behaviors and not who they are. Disciplining leads to security in children and helps them learn and develop. Punishments lead to guilt and fear.

To discipline children, there should be known consequences if they misbehave, Mack said. A carpool lane is an example. Many people will not violate carpool lane rules because of signs that remind motorists of a nearly \$300 fine.

Many of the parents looked amused and interested in Mack's lecture. Many nodded in approval at some of the advice and

anecdotes, apparently agreeing with Mack's advice.

Fittingly, children could be heard screaming next door. The workshops provide free baby-sitting.

The next program, on how to make a home safer for a child, will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

The programs were created based on what parents involved in the city's childcare program said they wanted, said El Cerrito community services coordinator Nousheen Chaudry. Future programs will include home safety (see box), CPR instruction and dealing with childhood illnesses.

The programs are funded through a \$10,000 grant from First Five Contra Costa, an organization set up to distribute tobacco taxes for programs that benefit children under the age of 5.

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at alopez1@cctimes.com.

Grateful for 2nd shot at career of my dreams

I HOPE YOU had a happy Thanksgiving yesterday. I certainly did, because nobody has more reason to be thankful than I do.

When I compare my mood now with how I felt this time last year, it's like night and day. Twelve months ago, I was getting pretty desperate.

It all started 10 years ago, when I lost my job at the old Oakland Tribune. I had been its daily columnist for seven years when — poof! A new owner bought the paper and gave me the heave-ho.

No problem, I thought. It seemed like a Biblical judgment: I'd had seven fat years, so all I had to do was wait out the seven lean years. In the meantime, I wrote a weekly column for some of the Hills papers — the Berkeley Voice, the El Cerrito Journal and the Montclairian.

It was fun, but it was only once a week. The rest of the time I did public-relations jobs, which I hated, and taught in the Richmond schools, which I had mixed feelings about. (The kids were great, but the schools' meager resources were depressing.)

But as the seven lean years turned into eight, then nine, then 10, I began to despair. I wondered: Would I ever get another chance to do the only thing I truly love?

Then a miracle happened. Knight Ridder — the company that owns the Contra Costa Times, among others — bought the Hills papers. And for some reason, they decided to resurrect my career. Last November they hired me part time. Six months later I was promoted to full time.

My gratitude is bottomless. With Christmas coming up, I have the best present I could have asked for — indeed, the only thing I ever wanted: my career back. It's so sweet the second time around, and even sweeter for being so unexpected.

But paradoxical as it sounds, I'm even more grateful for the 10 years I spent wan-



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

dering in the wilderness. I had 10 years to think long and hard about how I behaved the last time I was on top, and I cringe when I remember how arrogant and full of myself I was.

Not this time, I promise. I'm going to use this as an opportunity to clean up a lot of things in my life I don't like, not just my work life. God has given me a second chance, and I plan to make the most of it.

Happy Thanksgiving.

I have a little space left, so let me use it to alert you to something really fun that's happening tomorrow: The USS Hornet will be "brought to life."

The radar antennas will sweep the horizon, the loudspeakers will blare out commands ("Now hear this!") and the huge elevator will whisk airplanes — ranging from a vintage World War II B-24 bomber to an Afghanistan-era F-16 Tomcat — between the flight deck and the hangar bay in a fraction of a second.

Best of all, Hornet veterans will be on hand to tell you what it was like when this historic carrier fought off kamikaze attacks in 1945 and fished Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Mike Collins out of the ocean in 1969 after their trip to the moon.

Visiting the Hornet is a treat at any time, but tomorrow will be something special. The event is in honor of the ship's 60th birthday, celebrating its commissioning in November 1943.

The Hornet is docked at Alameda Point (the former Naval Air Station) and is open every day except Tuesdays from 10 to 4.

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Influential engineer, visionary T.Y. Lin dies at 91

Sandy Kleffman
STAFF WRITER

...Lin, a renowned Bay
...whose influence
...throughout the world
...structures that combine
...with elegance, died Nov.
...at El Cerrito home.

...as T.Y. Lin to many, he
...suffering a mild heart
...he had just turned 91.

...legacy stretches from the
...Convention Center in
...to the San Mateo
...the Kuan Du Bridge in Tai-
...at the roof of the National
...in Caracas, Venezuela.

...became a pioneer in the
...prestressed concrete, a
...that revolutionized
...by embedding
...and wires in concrete
...greater strength.

...made graceful, long-span
...that could bear heavy
...with minimal support
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...was a really visionary sort
...said Mark Ketchum,
...of OPAC Consult-
...and a former
...assistant for Lin, who

EPITAPH



Tung-Yen (T.Y.) Lin
BORN: Nov. 14, 1912, in Fuzhou, China
DIED: Nov. 15 in El Cerrito.
SURVIVORS:

His wife of 62 years, Margaret of El Cerrito; son, Paul of Palo Alto; daughter, Verna Lin-Yee of Oakland; six siblings and five grandchildren.

SERVICES: Friends plan a public service on the UC Berkeley campus, but details have not been finalized.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: Berkeley Engineering Fund for the T.Y. Lin Fellowship, College of Engineering, 208 McLaughlin Hall, UC Berkeley, CA 94720-1722.

served on the UC Berkeley faculty from 1946 to 1976.

A private service was held Thursday. The public memorial will be on the UC Berkeley campus, but plans have not been finalized.

When Lin received the National Medal of Science from President Reagan in 1986, he used the opportunity to hand the president plans for a 50-mile bridge across the Bering Strait that would link Alaska with Russia.

Calling it the "Intercontinental Peace Bridge," Lin viewed it as a way to bring two cultures together. The bridge made news around the world but was never built.

Born in Fuzhou, China, Lin was the fourth of 11 children. He grew up in Beijing, where his father was a judge in China's Supreme Court.

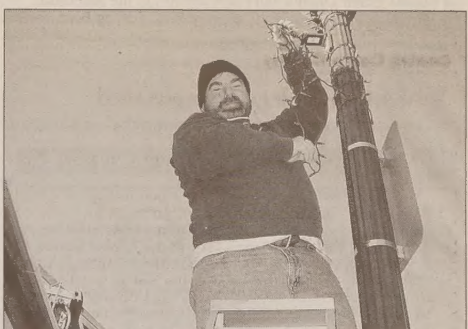
After receiving a master's degree in civil engineering from UC Berkeley in 1933, Lin returned to China to work with the Chinese Ministry of Railways.

He oversaw the design and construction of more than 1,000 bridges in China's mountainous regions.

Lin moved back to the United States in 1946 to join UC Berkeley's faculty. After retiring from that position three decades later, he worked full time for T.Y. Lin International, a firm he founded in 1954. He left that company in 1992 and formed San Francisco-based Lin Tung-Yen China to oversee engineering projects in China.

Lin also focused his creativity on his El Cerrito home, which colleagues believe was the world's first residential structure made of prestressed concrete. Lin deeded the building to UC Berkeley in 1988 to endow the T.Y. and Margaret Lin chair in engineering.

He and his wife, Margaret, continued to live in the house, which includes a 1,000-square-foot ballroom because of the couple's love of dancing.



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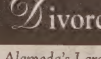
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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

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Grateful for getting? Don't forget giving!

MOST OF US WERE lucky enough to sit down to a bountiful feast yesterday, surrounded by family and friends.

We probably remembered to give thanks for all of our good fortune, even in the face of a poor economy.

We also must remember that not everyone has so much to be thankful for, that not every meal is so bountiful, that some will spend the holidays alone.

Thanksgiving should not only be a time of giving thanks for what we have, but also for deciding to share with those less fortunate — sharing food, sharing time, sharing ourselves.

Now, if you are asking yourself, "But what could I do?" the answer is ... plenty.

One of the most active and obvious ways to spread a bit of yourself and your good luck around is through the Volunteer Center of Contra Costa and the Volunteer Center of Alameda.

The Contra Costa center's Community Resource Guide-Holiday Catalog 2003 (check www.helpnow.org) and the Volunteer Center of Alameda County Web site (www.volunteeronline.org) list volunteering opportunities; food, toy and gift drives; and the Adopt-A-Family program.

Sign up to "adopt" a family or individual who could use an outstretched hand of help. It doesn't take a lot of money to make an adopted family's holiday a lot brighter.

It's the simple basics of living — blankets, socks, sweat-shirts, pants, food, plus a toy or two thrown in for some big smiles, and maybe a small Christmas tree. That will make the world seem not quite so grim for a family or individual in need.

Some individual groups have even given giving a bit of whimsy. Case in point: the sock trees, which should be making their appearance this week at Solano Avenue Association member banks along the Avenue in Albany and Berkeley. Donors can simply buy socks — size premie through NBA player — and tie them to the trees. They'll lend a Dr. Seussian look to Solano Avenue before they're taken down and whisked off to homeless shelters.

That's just one of the holiday traditions worth participating in.

So, while you're deciding which leftovers to toss and mapping your route through El Cerrito Plaza to hit as many day-after-Thanksgiving sales as you can in the shortest amount of time, stop for just few minutes.

Discuss and plan out what your family can do, and if you can't think of where to turn, give the Volunteer Center of Contra Costa a call at 925-472-5760, or the Volunteer Center of Alameda County a call at 510-419-3970 instead of doing nothing. The pleasant people there will be happy to give you some great ideas on how to share your thanks — giving.

CONTROL YOURSELF YESTERDAY?

PUMPKIN PIE?



OH... I'M TOTALLY STUFFED... COULDN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE. GIVE ME FIVE MINUTES.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Affordable housing

While I fully agree that there is a need for affordable housing in Contra Costa County, it seems to me that placing the burden for that on developers is just an attempt to treat the symptoms of the disease and not its cause. If anyone thinks such a plan will not shift the cost to those who purchase more costly homes, they have not thought this out.

The demand for more affordable housing is the result of the population increase, here and in nearby counties. At the same time, there has been no increase in the number of land sites for the homes. Economics 1A teaches that an increased demand for a fixed supply drives up the price. Therein lies the cause of the disease.

What's the tonic? The state of Pennsylvania allows municipalities to assess land and improvement values at different rates. About 21 of those municipalities have assessed land values at higher rates than improvements. Those include the city of Pittsburgh, which has experienced a renaissance. In every case where this has been done, building has increased and land has been put to better economic use. Not only that, jobs have increased.

We do not need to reinvent the wheel. Let's just do what works. The time has come to petition our state government to permit this approach, perhaps as part of the revisions of Proposition 13 that have been proposed by some.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Truly dysfunctional

A recent newspaper editorial stated that one of the most dysfunctional policies of the Bush administration is its ethanol program and that the policy needs to be changed.

I agree and call to readers' attention another dysfunctional policy that appeared in an article that ran the same day: The FBI won't flag terrorism suspects who buy guns.

The story says John Ashcroft has directed the FBI to not disclose the names of suspects on the terrorist watch list who successfully purchase guns in this country. However, if the purchase is blocked for any reason, the names of these suspects may be released.

This is the same attorney general who, under the Patriot Act, can obtain lists of books people check out of a library or buy at a bookstore and prevent the library or bookstore from informing those involved that these lists have been obtained.

Have we fallen into Alice's rabbit hole and landed in a world in which our FBI cannot investigate suspected terrorists who buy guns in America, but can investigate citizens who read certain books?

This is another Bush policy that needs to be changed. Or maybe it is President Bush who needs to be changed.

Al Miller
El Cerrito

Not a spectator sport

Somebody's running my government for me, right? Looking out for me and what I believe in and want from my government? Well, I thought so, until I became a volunteer in Albany.

For about two years, I served on the Albany Waterfront Committee and volunteered in various other ways, helping manage my son's City Council campaign, working for other candidates for office in city government and the school board, and working on Measure C.

As a member of the Waterfront Committee, I felt a deep responsibility regarding the issues that arose, including

the development of the Eastshore Park and the possibility of a ferry system.

I left volunteerism stressed, exhausted and with an enormous sense of appreciation for the untiring efforts of some of our residents. Year after year, they show up with great heart to work for the community they care deeply about. How do they do it?

I remember my trepidation going door to door with literature, sometimes before dawn, wondering if I would be shouted at, shot at, attacked by dogs or just glared at for bothering my neighbors. (This form of leafleting is nearly the only way Albany issues and candidates can reach the city's residents, because of the expense of any alternative.)

If you have never done it, imagine spending hours climbing stairs, bending over to slip brochures under mats and praying you won't be attacked in the process.

My experience also taught me that our city is run by a virtually volunteer, unappreciated and often-maligned council and an understaffed city government. I now realize how much Albany depends on volunteers, in and out of our commissions and committees.

Self-government is frustrating, stressful, thankless work. Who will step up to this responsibility when these good souls tire of it?

If we are not willing to participate in our self-government on every level, we may lose that precious choice our country was founded on. At the very least, please be "civil" to those stalwart people walking this square mile, trying to bring your government to your doorstep, even if you disagree with them.

I'd like to acknowledge our city's volunteers and staff. My thanks to the few who do our work for us, and a challenge to the rest. If not you, who? If not now, when?

Suzanne Conrad
Albany

Inventive jargon

The Pentagon is very inventive when it names various actions in Iraq. It started with "Shock and Awe," and the most recent designation is "Iron Hammer," which refers to flying over a city and bombing and destroying houses.

But it would be more appropriate to call this action "Israeli Hammer," since it imitates what the Israeli military is doing in the Palestinian territory. The Iraqis will no doubt take it as such, and it may not endear our occupation to them.

Max Alfert
Albany

Discussion imperative

A 1997 report, the San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan, has taken on an extraordinary role in Albany's community development planning, inconsistent with the plan's original purpose.

Records show that the city intended to use the plan to create a redevelopment area along San Pablo Avenue. The focus was limited to only two blocks of San

Pablo Avenue, between Marin and Washington avenues.

The plan was "approved," without public hearings, by the City Council, but "adopted" by resolution. The vision plan was never intended to provide an overall planning perspective. Rather, it represented the very focused goal of providing "large-scale development" along small portion of San Pablo Avenue.

Since 1997, the vision plan has taken on a much larger role in Albany's development plans. The Planning and Zoning Commission, incorrectly assuming the vision plan represented a "specific plan," has proposed controversial zoning code revisions allowing the conversion of residential properties to commercial uses and will dramatically increase the density of development along the entire length of San Pablo Avenue, while ignoring the current general plan requirements to determine the impact of such development on traffic flow.

The Planning and Zoning Commission's view of the vision plan is inappropriate. California planning law defines "specific plans" and states that they are intended only to implement the approved general plan, not to change it.

The inappropriate role of the San Pablo vision plan is creating a great deal of confusion with respect to planning and development in Albany. The council must regain control of this chaotic situation.

The council must first separately consider any proposed changes to the general plan. The general plan is intended to provide a clear statement of the city's goals and policies regarding development. It presents these goals and policies in simple, straightforward terms so that residents, planning staff, and elected and appointed officials understand the direction for planning and development.

The council must fully discuss any proposed changes to the general plan and hold public hearings to invite input. Once the council adopts the general plan, it will provide direction to staff and to the Planning and Zoning Commission as to how to go about revising the zoning ordinances.

Clay Lamm
Albany

Tired of servitude

Recently, I sent a letter to City Council members suggesting two ways to balance their budget. The city did not answer.

One was to charge a nominal fee for library service, to make the library self-sustaining.

The other was to sell all of its low-income housing and put it back on the rolls earning income. That would provide cash to balance the budget and would hurt low-income tenants because, under rent control, their rents could not go up. It also would save the city maintenance costs.

As a property owner, I'm tired of being held in involuntary servitude to the city for services I don't want for people who do not own property and do not pay taxes. In many cases, they don't even live in Berkeley.

Recently, the city approved union contracts allowing city employees to retire at age 50, with what amounts to \$1 million pensions if they live another 30 years in retirement.

I feel it is unconscionable to saddle property owners with that expense for employees who no longer work for the city. It was done without property owners' consent. No wonder people are against bond issues and all special assessment districts that come up.

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Embrace the many forms of range of literacy



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

have low literacy.

November is Family Literacy Month, and so this seemed like a good time to look at family literacy and what it means. The program I coordinated was linked to the adult literacy program of Alameda County, which is a program that helps adults improve their reading and writing skills. The Family Literacy coordinator works with the adults and their children, designing programs that encourage an interest in books, reading and writing.

While running this program, I learned how much a parent's attitude toward something could affect the child's attitude. This was a new concept for me — I had never thought about my parenting that way. But when I considered it, I could see it was true: If one of my daughters comments on several experi-

ences, I'll usually ask more questions about the things I value. For instance, when my children were young, if they told me about their school day, I would follow up on anything they said about math or English. Years of subtle messages like that add up to a great emphasis on a subject, whatever it is.

Family literacy helps parents become more aware of these messages and offers suggestions on how to incorporate reading and language into a child's daily life. Alphabet-shaped pancakes or letting a child make the shopping list or reading all the signs aloud while driving or even just encouraging parents to read in front of their children: All of these give importance to the written word.

Another part of the Family Literacy program was giving out beautiful new books to the children — every child at every event got to choose one to take home. Because the adult literacy program included adult learners in jail, their young sons and daughters also got books. For some of the inmates, this meant an opportunity to read the book aloud into a tape recorder, and

the tape and book were then sent to their children. One Christmas, several of the women got together and taped each other's books and even sang songs. I'll never forget the combination of their excitement over the project and sadness over missing their children.

As you can see, there are many different ways family literacy programs are implemented. But to me the important part is helping parents bring the pleasure of literature to their children.

READER REVIEW: This week's book review is from Claire and the book is Michael Moore's "Dude, Where's My Country?" Claire says this book is about "taking President Bush and conservatives to task about government policies and actions." One word she would use to describe this book is "provocative" and she recommends it because "it presented many little-known facts about government policies and actions."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org or at the Albany Library.

COMMENTARY

Reports of Christianity's death are exaggerated

By Laurel Balyeat Morrison
CORRESPONDENT

What do you think of when you think of church? A cold building filled with people who don't have anything better to do on Sundays? Solely a place to go for weddings or funerals?

Many people have negative associations with Christian churches. Many think churches are filled with hypocrites. Some feel they already "served time" as a child.

But, is the Christian church dying? I do not think so. Christians are too involved in their work in the world for that.

Christians pray and believe we are used by God to perform miracles of healing and provision. By following Jesus' example of compassion, many Christians are helping in places where it's most needed, in the United States and around the globe.

Membership in many Christian denominations is growing worldwide. One Christian Web site points out that there are more Anglicans in Nigeria, for instance, than in Great Britain and the United States.

We should remember that the Christian church from its very beginnings has been dynamic and resilient. And even today, oppression in various countries tends to cause membership to grow.

The influence of the Christian church is still strongly felt in this nation. Let's not forget that the Rev. Martin Luther King based his civil rights campaign on the teachings of Jesus as well as those of Gandhi.

Some would point to the wrongdoing of some church leaders such as Jerry Falwell, or the Catholic priests who have molested children as a sign of the church's decline.

But the vitality of the Christian church should not be based on the acts of wayward members. They are in the minority. One cannot point to the fall of Falwell and ignore the worldwide and widely respected ministry of the Rev. Billy Graham or the compassionate way Mother Teresa served the poor.

The Christian church at its best changes people's lives by creating community, healing hurts, and strengthening friendships and families.

Churches are thinking outside the box to reach people. In the church I serve in El Cerrito, New Life Church, we play gospel and rock more than Handel and Bach. We have no dress code, no pews or stained glass.

Recently, after my message, I had everyone blow up balloons and send them in the air as we celebrated the blessings of God.

Is the church dying? No, and I am not planning a funeral for it either!

Laurel Balyeat Morrison is the pastor of New Life Church which meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Fairmont Elementary School, 724 Kearney St., in El Cerrito. New Life is a multicultural church which started worship in 2000. For information visit www.NewLifeInJesus.net or call 510-868-1935.

ACTIVITIES

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A special holiday open house is encouraged for everyone to participate, and a three-minute time

person. Luvovich is a writer and her poetry has appeared in several awards and her

appeared in numerous reviews and anthologies. The author of "Nobody's Old Mother" and "Stable," her first collection

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Children

■ **Splash Circus**, an all-youth theatrical circus ensemble, returns to the Julia Morgan Theatre for the fifth consecutive year with its latest circus adventure "In the Magical Forest." Dates and Times: 2 p.m. Nov. 28, 29, 30. Step into a world where fairies, elves, spirits, trolls and even trees perform amazing feats. Tickets: Adults: \$15 students. Seniors \$10. Children \$8. Details: 925-798-1300.

■ **UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science** holds a science exhibit "Jelly Belly presents Candy Unwrapped," through Jan. 4. LHS is the public science and math center of UC Berkeley. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Location: Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak. For general information, call 510-842-5132 or visit the Web site at www.lawrencehallscience.org.

■ **Toddler Times** with stories, bounces and stretches, are coming back to the Albany Library, the new series on Mondays from Nov. 10 through Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. The library is at 1247 Marin Ave. Call for sign-ups: 526-3720, Ext. 17.

■ **Children's Social Skills and Manners** workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202. n Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. 531-7551.

■ **Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library.** Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

■ **El Cerrito offers special programs** for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. 215-4371.

■ **The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups for Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. Details: 524-0821. Classes

Community

■ **St. Alban's Episcopal Church** in Albany is holding its annual **Yuletide Tea and Boutique Sale** on Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Parish Hall of the church at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. On sale will be collectibles, gift items, jewelry, and baked goods. High tea will be served from 2-4 p.m. Tickets: adults \$6, children \$3. All are invited. Details: 510-525-1716.

■ **Think Globally, Eat Locally:** Dine out for AIDS advocacy from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at Unicorn Pan Asian Cuisine, 2533 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds benefit HealthGAP and Act Up East Bay. Reservations are suggested, call 510-841-8098. For more information, call 510-841-4339.

■ **The Berkeley Farmers' Market** 12th annual **Holiday Crafts Fair** (An Ecology Center Benefit), takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center Park (next to the Berkeley Farmers' Market). Farmers' Market (lots of organic vegetables and fruit). Local craftspeople selling a variety of hand-crafted gifts jewelry, fabric arts, leather, ceramics, hats, dolls, fine art, photos, soaps and herbal portions, and others. Live music. One block from downtown Berkeley BART parking, wheelchair accessible. For More Information, call 510-548-3333 or visit the Web site at www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **The Cal Sailing Club** offers free sailboat rides on San Francisco Bay, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 14, at the Cal Sailing Club, located at the Berkeley Marina, near the bottom of University Avenue next to Adventure Playground. Bring warm, waterproof clothes — you may get wet. For more information, call the club at 510-879-6905, or visit the Web site at www.cal-sailing.org.

■ **The Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., presents the exhibit "Brought to Light: The Storied Collection of the Judah L. Magnes Museum" through April 25. Hours: Open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Jewish and federal holidays. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-549-6950.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalve.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)** Chapter CA 1294 meets Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ **Turning Point at the YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. For an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in design and education. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 — the child-care room — parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights activists** needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Exhibits

■ **Sue Johnson Lighting Gallery** holds an Opening Night Collection, from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 21, at 1754 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Join the artist at a champagne reception. Bronze and wooden animal figurines, cloisonné vases, African masks, blown glass vases and stone sculptures will be on exhibit. Call 510-527-2623 or visit the Web site at www.suejohnsonlighting.com.

■ **John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex**, 2956 San Pablo Ave., presents the MFA Graduate Exhibition of artist Eleni Rivers entitled "Heaven & Earth" through Nov. 13. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 510-649-0499.

■ **The Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St., presents an exhibit of 60 postrevolutionary Cuban posters from the Cuban Film Institute, OSPAAAL, and Editora Politica with examples of work by Bay Area artists. Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Thanksgiving Day. Nov. 27. Free admission, donations accepted. For a complete listing of other events at the Center, call 510-644-6893 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **The exhibit Early Women of Berkeley** (1878-1953) and their organizations runs through March 27. The exhibit, curated by the College Women's Club/Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Berkeley Historical Society, celebrates how women shaped Berkeley's



CASSIDY BROWN and **Beth Wilmurt** appear in the Shotgun Players' production of "The Best of Meyerhold," which opens Dec. 11 at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, and plays Thursdays-Sundays through Dec. 28 before moving to the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, on Jan. 8 and playing through Jan. 25. Previews are pay-what-you-can. Regular performances are \$10 for all Thursday performances; for other shows, \$18 general, \$12 for students and TBA members. Opening night is \$20. Thursday-Saturday curtains are 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m. No show Dec. 25, Jan. 2, 3 or 4. Call 510-704-8210.

history, working alone and through their clubs. A women's history lecture series is also planned. Exhibit open is Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2-5 p.m. at the Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St. Details: 848-0181. Admission free.

Film/dance/stage

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents "Community: A DJ Dance for Lesbians and their Allies," from 9 to midnight. Admission: \$20. Buy tickets early as the dance may sell out. The dance is preceded by film screening of "Laughing Matters," at 7 p.m. and comic Susan Swift with live comedy. Admission: \$8. For more information, call 510-849-2568 extension 20, or visit the Web site at www.ticketweb.com.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** presents the play "Lobby Hero" through Dec. 21. The lives of an amusingly hapless security guard, his straight-laced boss, a feisty rookie female cop, and her swagging veteran partner intertwine. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; additional show at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25. No show Thursday, Nov. 27. Admission: previews \$28; Opening nights \$40; Regular performances Wednesdays, Thursdays \$34; Fridays and Saturdays \$36. For tickets, call 510-843-4822; or visit www.auroratheatre.org for more information.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, continues its musical production "Forever Plaid" 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 29. Celebrate the delightful reincarnation of The Plaids, a guy group involved in an accident while on its way to its first real gig. Tickets: \$20, \$12 age 16 and under. No performances Nov. 14-16. For reservations, call 510-524-9132.

■ **Learn easy international folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, kids \$1, Seniors \$1.30.

■ **Friday Night Folk Dances**, 11 p.m.; no partners necessary. Dances taught from Hungary, Israel, Turkey, Near East and more. Followed by request dancing to 11 p.m. No experience necessary. All ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Albany Music and Dance Community.

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FRIDAY, DEC 5: Screwball comedies don't come much nuttier than **BRINGING UP BABY**. Katharine Hepburn and Fred MacMurray, plays at 7:00 and 9:00 on Friday, Dec 12 and at 7:15 on Sunday, Dec 14.

SATURDAY, DEC 6: Orson Welles' classic, **CITIZEN KANE**, plays at 7:00 and 9:30 on Saturday, Dec 6 and at 5:00 on Sunday, Dec 7. If you've never seen it on the big screen, treat yourself (and a friend)!

FRIDAY, DEC 12: The rarely screened 1940 holiday favorite, **REMEMBER THE NIGHT** with Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray, plays at 7:00 and 9:00 on Friday, Dec 12 and at 7:15 on Sunday, Dec 14.

SATURDAY, DEC 13: Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 black comedy-mystery classic **REAR WINDOW** plays at 7:00 and 9:15 on Saturday, Dec 13 and at 5:00 on Sunday, Dec 14. James Stewart and Grace Kelly star.

Admission prices are \$7.00 general and \$5 for children and senior citizens. Separate admission for each Sunday show. Located on the old Alameda Naval Airstation. Additional information available at www.auctionsbythebay.com or 510-835-6187.

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Dance Classes! Learn East Coast Swing and Lindy Hop with instructor and Lindy Hop with instructor and Lindy Hop with instructor. On Mondays at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. Berkeley, 94704. Tel: 844-6648. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

Health

Don't Miss: Marie Tooth support group. Meets bi-monthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. Tel: 844-6648. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

Health and Community Education: Classes in dance, fitness, martial arts and more. University of California, Berkeley. Tel: 844-6648. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

Culture/workshop

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Community events

Kadrey Bunell, writer and author, will demonstrate how writers can work effectively to increase audiences from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 2800 Shattuck Ave. Tel: 844-6648. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

Meetings/lectures

Library, 1247 Marin Ave., offers events: First Thursdays, Open House and Featured Poet. Tel: 844-6648. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

Adults, a group of people, who love to learn, to keep the oral tradition alive, meet from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on the first Thursday each month at the Claremont Branch, Berkeley Public Library, 1940 Bonaventure, at Ashby. Tel: 610-644-6880; or 525-1533.

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

The El Cerrito Toastmasters offers basic public speaking and leadership activities and programs. Speakers of all skill levels are invited to come, observe and participate. Meetings occur every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information contact Jim Bruce at jim@peachpit.com.

Kol Hadash, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, with more than 110 family members from around the Bay Area, meets on the fourth Friday of each month for a regular Shabbat (Sabbath), every other month on a Saturday for a Family Shabbat. The group holds Sunday school classes two Sundays a month, celebrates all the major Jewish holidays and holds special events from time to time. Location: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 428-1492.

Miscellany

UC Botanical Garden expert Chris Carmichael, will conduct a walk exploring the garden's rich collection of gymnosperms—a diverse assemblage of cone-bearing plants—10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 8. This tour will examine familiar cone bearers such as pines and redwoods, in addition to the palm-like cycads and unusual and obscure plants such as ephedra and Welwitschia. Fee \$5; free to members. Space is limited; registration required. Location: UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Call 510-643-2937 or e-mail jancetw@uclink4.berkeley.edu or visit the Web site at www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu/.

St. John's Prime Timers in Berkeley offers ongoing classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercises, ceramics, copper enameling, woodworking, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). New members are always welcome, especially seniors' over 50. Call 845-6830 for more information.

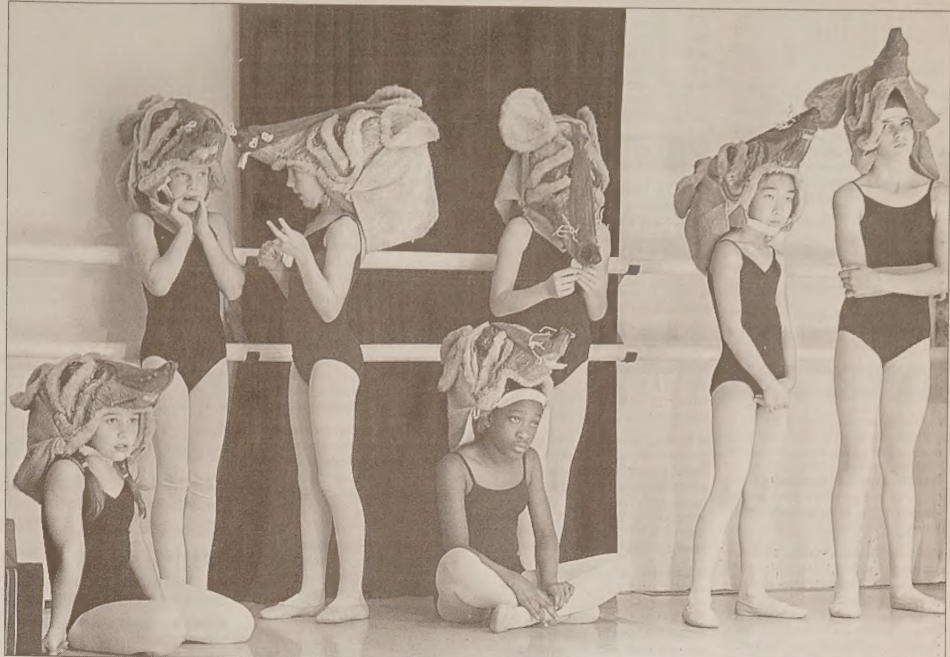
The Center for Independent Living announces its newly created **Asian Outreach Program** to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English, program staff are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of community and government service available to individuals with disabilities. For more information, call CIL at 510-763-9999.

Friendship Circle, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

Improve your speaking skills by attending **Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster** meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vaul's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

The Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northridge Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St.



MEMBERS OF THE Berkeley City Ballet watch the performance from the side during rehearsal of the Nutcracker in Berkeley on Nov. 22. The 30th annual production of "Nutcracker" will be presented by the company at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6; and at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Performances will be at Zellerbach Playhouse on the UC Berkeley campus. Tickets are \$25 adults, under 12 and seniors \$15. For tickets, call 510-642-9988. For more information about the ballet, visit www.berkeleycityballet.org

The Veterans Memorial Building, Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRit, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its **Turning Point Career Center**. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 528-9146 or 547-1969.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters, The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Matly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Details: 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for more information.

State Health Toastmasters meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10-1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

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pital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

■ **TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

■ **Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology** sponsors a free monthly **stroke support group**. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

■ **El Cerrito-based group the Whiskey Brothers** play old-time and bluegrass on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 9 p.m. at the Albartross, Berkeley's oldest pub, at 1822 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley. Shows are free on Wednesdays (except New Year's Eve: \$5 cover) Details: 510-843-2473 (THE-BIRD).

■ **Healing Muses**, a non-profit group that brings soothing music to hospitals, hospices, convalescent homes and homebound individuals, is presenting a series of fund-raising concerts at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany, to benefit its hospital program. The season opens Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m., with a CD release concert, "Reflections: Early, Celtic and Traditional Music to Soothe and Uplift the Spirit." The program features a sampling of repertoire from Healing Muses new CD. The concert takes place in the sanctuary of St. Alban's, 1501 Washington Ave. Individual tickets are \$15-\$18. Reservations recommended. Details: 510-524-5661, or www.healingmuses.org.

■ **Dmitri Matheny** and his group celebrate Christmas with a concert called WinterFest at the Jazzschool, 2087 Addison Street in Berkeley, on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. General admission is \$18; students and seniors, \$15; Jazzschool students, \$12. Seating is limited and on a first-come first-served basis. Reservations 510-845-5373.

■ **Chamber Music Sundaes** present San Francisco Symphony musicians and friends at 3:15 p.m. Nov. 30, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets at the door \$18, \$14 students, seniors, \$7 youth under 18. For details call 415-584-5946.

■ **JazzSchool**, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, presents the following musical events: Every Friday, 5 - 7 p.m. Free. Jam Sessions, instrumentalists and vocalists; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6—Vocalist Jamie Davis, 518/15/12; 4:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 7—San Francisco Saxophone Quartet, 518/15/12; 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 8-12, Jazzschool Student Recitals, free, 10 to 3 p.m. Dec. 13-14 Jazz-

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Outdoors

■ **The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a **free sick plant clinic** on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

■ **Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds:** house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribe Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

■ **East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Learning

■ **Berkeley Adult School** offers **ceramics classes** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays at the St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave. Classes are free, materials and firing charges are not. Lunch is offered at a minimal charge. Diana Bohn at 525-5497.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center** in Berkeley offers classes in exercise, hand-built ceramics, copper enameling, wood working, weaving, creative writing and tap dancing. There are speakers on matters of current interest and travel slide presentations once a month. Classes are on-going. New members and seniors over 50 are always welcome. Lunch and friendly conversation are offered at a minimal charge. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-6830 for time and schedules.

■ **Beginning Internet Workshops** take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet mouse skills, email, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

■ **The Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., offers free, ongoing **chess instruction** Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The

lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Pruess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library.) Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harter, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.

■ **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers family-friendly program classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into everyday lives. Details: 845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be used to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and introductory and advanced computer classes. Details: 644-6130.

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time.

■ **Berkeley Community Media**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in **video production and editing** to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers **dance classes** ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjani Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054. n Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. 845-6830.

■ **Dance and fitness classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi,



MARVIN GARDENS REALTY, 7502 Fairmount Ave. in El Cerrito, is hosting "Coast to Coast Landscapes," an exhibition featuring pastels by Amy Gitelman, through Dec. 31. Hours are 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug:** 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Support

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**—Have a problem with food? Twelve-step support groups dealing with these issues meet at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Mandana Community Recovery Center, 3989 Howe St. in Oakland (enter on 41st Street Way); 7:30 Wednesdays at Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland (enter on Mountain, parallel to Highland); 7:30 Thursdays at Piedmont Gardens, 110 41st St.; and 6 p.m. Fridays at East Bay Church of Religious Science, 4130 Telegraph Ave. 510-923-9491.

■ **Jewish Family and Children's Services** of the East Bay offers the following community support groups.

— **Divorce Support Group:** Pre-registration required. Wednesday evenings, Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay in Walnut Creek. Call Dr. Carla Haimowitz at 925-927-2000.

— **Bereavement Support Groups:** No Charge. Pre-registration required.

Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Berkeley, 510-704-7480 ext. 968. Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Walnut Creek, 925-927-2000 ext. 740.

— **Cancer Support Group:** No charge. Tuesdays from 12:30 - 2 p.m., Markstein Center, room 2810, 2nd floor, 450 30th St., Oakland. Call 510-869-8833.

— **Support Group for Women** 60 Years and Older: Finally, a special group for older single women. Explore new options for coping with life transitions, making new friendships, dealing with family and peer relationships, and changing old habits. Pre-registration required. Second and fourth Mondays

from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Berkeley Jewish Community Center, 510-524-5661. Call Mary Kahan at 510-704-7480 ext. 740.

— **Interfaith Couples Group:** 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay. Call Cathy Diamond, 510-704-7480 ext. 225.

— **Social Skills and Anger Management for Boys:** A special group for old boys expressing anger and feelings inappropriately, or

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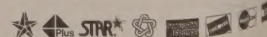
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Rescue

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are two different organizations. Animal Control is a public agency, paid for by the taxpayers. It performs the traditional animal-control functions: rounding up strays, prosecuting cases of animal abuse, stuff like that.

"The humane society has a different mission: It's a private adoption agency for homeless cats and dogs. It gets no tax money at all. The fact that Animal Control is finally on a sound fiscal footing doesn't mean the humane society is, too."

Last year, the humane society found homes for 906 cats and dogs, an astounding 98 percent of the animals in its shelter. It's on a pace to better that record this year. And the return rate is close to zero.

"That's because they do such a good job socializing the animals," Shriro said. "I always tell my clients that if they want a non-neurotic pet, the humane society is the first place to look."

Every dog in the shelter gets four walks a day, plus quick trips to the Canine Relief Center, which features authentic fire hydrants. Their meals are hand-fed, leading them to associate humans with pleasant feelings.

"Kennel concierges" spend hours each day inside the dog runs, petting the dogs and groom-

ing them to accustom them to a human touch. They also get regular play sessions with other dogs.

All the while, they are receiving lessons in basic manners, including sitting politely instead of jumping up when someone enters their run to put the leash on.

On the other side of the shelter, the cats are socialized by "cat cuddlers." They learn not to scratch or bite, receive gentle grooming and play interactively with their human friends.

Many roam cage-free in "Catopia," where they can mingle with other cats in a large room fitted with cat trees, scratching posts, kitty playthings, and lots of nooks and crannies to hide in.

Most of all, both dogs and cats are hugged many times a day. "We work hard to send you home with a primo pet," Fine said.

To facilitate its mission, the humane society also offers a host of support services, including:

- Mobile adoption units every Saturday at Walnut Square and Solano Avenue

- Inexpensive spay/neuter surgery

- A canine and feline behavior hotline (510-845-7735, Ext. 22)

- Dog training classes, including "Basic Obedience," "Puppy Kindergarten" and "Dogs with Attitude" (for pooches having a bad day)

- The Caretaker Program, which guarantees to find your pet a loving new home if you die.

The humane society was founded in 1927 when three concerned citizens — two of whose names are lost to history — met in a one-room pool hall at the corner of Ninth and Carleton streets in Berkeley and kicked in \$1 apiece to "do something" about the city's lost and abused animals.

The one whose name we do know was George Denny, who became the first executive director. He outfitted the pool hall with cages, and the Animal Rescue Haven was born. In the early days, he focused on outlawing bull-fighting, dog fighting and sales of live chicks and bunnies at Easter.

Over the years, the facility expanded to occupy most of the block between Eighth and Ninth streets, adding a veterinary hospital, humane education programs, expanded dog kennels and a separate room for cats.

In 1957, the Animal Rescue Haven was renamed the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. In 1970, the society became a "no-kill" shelter, allowing the animals more time to find homes.

"But that doesn't mean we can keep them here indefinitely," Fine said. "These animals have been bred for thousands of years to want to sit on laps and sleep in people's beds, not to be in cages. The moment they get here, the clock starts ticking. Even the happiest, most adoptable animal will go downhill mentally if it's here too long."

Fine herself has been there for 2½ years. She gave up a cushy career in the corporate world, taking a \$100,000 pay cut in the process.

"It took me until I was almost 40 to finally decide what I want to do when I grow up," she said, "and it was not working for some huge corporation, making too much money and not contributing anything of real value."

She concedes that the money crunch is frustrating. "I can't cut the staff's pay because there's nothing left to cut. I'm barely paying them minimum wage as it is. I need to take care of the people who take care of the animals."

She also knows that no matter how many lives the society saves, they're still just the tip of the iceberg. "I used to lay awake every night, tearing myself apart over all the ones we couldn't save. Finally, I decided that all we can do is save as many as we can."

Despite the frustrations, Fine said she's there for the long haul. "Quit? Are you kidding? This has been the ride of my life! Saving lives and making families happy is so rewarding. The only thing that bothers me is how much more we could do if we had the money."

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HOW TO HELP

VOLUNTEER: The Humane Society is in constant need of dog walkers and cat cuddlers, as well as temporary foster parents during kitten and puppy seasons.

It also needs volunteers with non-animal talents, including fund-raisers, handymen (and -women), contractors, envelope stuffers, grant writers, clerks, computer whizzes, etc.

"Whatever your skill, we have a use for it," says executive director Lisa Fine. Contact: 510-845-7735, ext. 11; volunteer@berkeleyhumane.org.

DONATE: All contributions, whether money or property, are tax-deductible. Donations can be mailed to the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley, CA 94710.

Currently, two anonymous donors have offered \$1,000 matching gifts apiece. If matched by the public, they will leverage into \$4,000, which is badly needed for renovations to the dog kennels.

For details about donating, contact development director Cathleen Lemoine at 510-845-7735, ext. 19 or clemoine@berkeleyhumane.org. In addition to money, the Society needs the following items:

- Used vehicles and cell phones, which can be resold.

- A TV set to aid the animal behaviorists in evaluating "problem" behavior.

- Blankets and towels (no shape).
- Ceiling fans.
- Stanchions and chains for visitors out of the kennels.
- Computer gear, including Acrobat, Windows XP (copies), Zip drives, E-mail, modems, and computer (and up).
- A large volume copier.
- An EKG machine.
- A two-bay or three-bay steel sink.
- Cat and dog crates.
- Shaded cloth for the kennels, new aprons for staff and cat and dog treats and food.

REMEMBER THE HUMANE SOCIETY IN YOUR WILL: The society will host three free seminars in 2004: Jan. 2, and Nov. 9. For reservations, contact 510-845-7735, ext. 11; clemoine@berkeleyhumane.org.

GET CREATIVE: Pet photographer Lori Cheung recently snapped portraits of dogs in return for a \$25 donation to the Humane Society. Pet photographer Mike Milikan recorded two "Plano for Pet Lovers" videos. For Pet Lovers and Kids, donating a portion of the proceeds to the Society. Hold a Bake cookies. Use your imagination. Every little bit helps.

Adopt

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tached to her," he explained later. "I cried when the Kahls adopted her, too — partly because I knew I was going to miss her, but mostly because I was happy knowing she was going to such a good home."

Wullinger petted her for a good 20 minutes, then he had to leave to attend to his volunteer job, socializing the other dogs. Ellie followed him to the door, which made him cry all over again.

Ellie's story began in August, when Ambacher rescued her from a shelter in Sonoma County just hours before she was to be put to death. There was a yellow stain on her fur from an untreated bladder infection. The ailment was extremely painful, but Ellie was still cheerful and friendly. This dog was definitely

worth saving.

"We know we can't save all the dogs and cats in the world," said Ambacher, "so we're concentrating on saving the most adoptable, the ones with the best temperament. It didn't take long to realize that Ellie is one of those."

First, Ambacher gave her a behavior assessment test, starting with a mock physical exam to see how well she tolerated being handled. Ellie just stood there, calm as could be.

Ambacher suddenly grabbed her collar and yanked it, to see if Ellie would turn around and nip. No reaction.

Next came petting. This can be a dangerous test because dogs will sometimes snap at a strange hand coming straight at them. So Ambacher used a prosthetic called an Assess-A-Hand. But Ellie didn't bite.

"She didn't even growl," said Ambacher, "not even when I took

her food bowl away. This is very important, because a huge percent of our adopters are families with kids."

Then Ambacher played with her as roughly as possible. "I was purposely trying to get her all riled up, to see what she would do when she gets overstimulated. But Ellie just sat demurely, waiting patiently for me to stop acting like a fool."

Ellie was brought to the Humane Society and placed in quarantine for a week, just in case she had any communicable diseases. Her bladder infection was quickly cleared up with antibiotics. Then she was put in the general population, where she was showered with love, attention, and some subtle behavior training masquerading as play.

On Sept. 10, Ellie was sent with a mobile adoption unit to Walnut Square. That's where she met the Kahl family.

"We were actually looking for

a Lab," said Lisa. "We had been to three other shelters, but we couldn't find the right dog for us. It was especially important that it be gentle. We have three small children, so I didn't want a dog who might knock them over. But Ellie, as big as she is, is the gentlest thing on four paws."

They went home to think it over. "But we kind of knew she was the one," said Rob. "On the way home, the kids kept saying, 'Let's get her! Let's get her!'"

They decided to adopt her the next day, but Ellie had a prior commitment — parading in the Solano Stroll. But the day after that, she was theirs.

"She was right at home from day one," said Rob. "She's wonderfully patient with the kids. She's a real lady. Miranda's best friend, Chelsea, started calling her 'Miss Ellie,' and now we all do."

"The way she looks at us is so touching," said Lisa. "We call it

'The Look.' You've never felt such unconditional love in your life."

Ellie has also made friends with the other dogs in the neighborhood, including a Lab mix named Mimocha, a dachshund named Tasha, and a pair of collies named Skiffy and Son of Skiffy. "We call them 'Ellie's posse,'" said Rob.

Miss Ellie and her family stayed at the Humane Society for about an hour, as word flashed around the building — "Ellie's

here!" — and staffers and volunteers trooped down to say hi.

Then it was time for Ellie to go home with her friends again. Ellie was one in the car to go home.

"You know, we really adopt her," said Rob.

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Parcel

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The average West Contra Costa home is 1,186 square feet, according to school district consultant Acquacena Lopez.

If approved with a two-thirds majority vote, the parcel tax would cost the average homeowner \$80 a year.

Seniors 65 years and older would be allowed to apply for a tax exemption.

Under the proposal, the money would help to:

- maintain reduced class sizes for kindergarten through third grade,
- buy textbooks and teaching

materials,

- attract and retain qualified teachers, aides and counselors,

- enhance core subjects including reading, writing, math and science, and

- improve custodial service to keep bathrooms and other facilities clean and in good condition.

Many parents and community members at Monday night's sparsely attended meeting asked that an oversight committee be included in the parcel tax proposal.

"I will vote for this tax no matter what," said El Cerrito parent Marsha Williamson. "But if you want the greater community to get behind this measure, we will not be able to do it without a commu-

nity oversight committee."

Some also asked for a more specific definition of how the district would spend the money. Most praised the "progressive" tax structure, which will increase in cost with the size of the building.

The proposed ballot language was culled from input given at three community meetings as well as a district poll of likely voters. Poll results were not released.

The board will reconvene for a public hearing and vote on the parcel tax proposal Monday.

A resolution calling for an election must be posted at school sites by Dec. 3 and submitted to the county elections department by Dec. 5 to be included on the March

ballot.

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I HAVE BEEN driving for many years, but I certainly still have my faculties and am able to be in control of my car. I seem to not have any more laws between me and the road — speeding, no seat belts, stop signs, and red lights. I'm getting older, but I'm getting older. These things bother me.



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

I made a New Year's resolution to try to keep my temper in check when I drive and view such incidents

trying to cross the street. Sometimes the problem involves trying to perform two or more activities at the same time. One activity, the most important one, is driving. The other, or others, can involve talking on the cell phone, eating or drinking, or using the mirror for putting on makeup. One day I actually saw someone — a man — looking

at a map while driving! Studies indicate that multi-tasking is not truly possible for any age group. The shift from one task to another may take only a fraction of a second, but there are situations in our high-speed traffic zones when a fraction of a second can be all that is needed for a catastrophe.

Today's poor driving deserves to have much more

coverage, and I may write another time about our concerns as older drivers. I would so like to see drivers of all ages be more considerate. How wonderful it would be if we reliable drivers could make a difference!

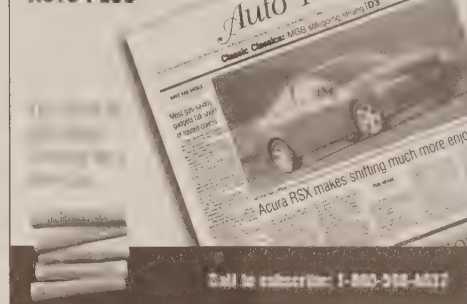
In view of the incidents of road rage, if you are part of a situation you feel is dangerous, don't make eye contact with the other driver. I also

find it helps me if I don't look at the other vehicle, unless it presents a real danger to me. It is up to those of us who have more sense, who are more rational and considerate, and who have more time to be careful, to avoid the potential hazards caused by those individuals who are in such a hurry.

My advice: Slow down. Take time. Think!

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Kucinich edges Dean — at least in El Cerrito

■ The El Cerrito Democratic Club held a straw poll of presidential contenders

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It's decided. Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich will be the Democratic candidate for president.

He'll narrowly beat out former Vermont governor Howard Dean for the spot by one vote.

That was the outcome of a straw poll held Monday, Nov. 24, during the El Cerrito Democratic Club's first mini-presidential Democratic Convention.

More than 100 people attended the event to hear Bay Area representatives for six Democratic candidates answer questions regarding a host of subjects, from the war in Iraq to health care to the Patriot Act.

Afterward, in a decidedly unscientific poll, audience members chose which candidate they wanted to run in the next presidential election.

Put into different groups representing which candidate they wanted, many people held signs and bumperstickers with the name of their chosen candidate.

At one point, the Dean crowd began chanting "We want Dean!"

Creating that enthusiasm was the point, said El Cerrito Democratic Club president Joe Franaszek. Californians wait for the March primary to vote for their preferred Democratic candidate. The club wanted to get people involved and interested in the presidential election now, even though the primary is months away.

"The important thing is getting people interested and giving them a chance to feel they have a role," Franaszek said. "Because so often in elections, it's a passive act."

Even this early, people had strong feelings about their candidates.

Wearing a "DeanForAmer-

ica.com" t-shirt, Vicki Cosgrove said she has never worked for or donated to a political candidate, but found Dean inspiring because he intends to.

"And he's doing it without special-interest money," one woman quickly added.

John Oliver, a young helicopter pilot going to Iraq, said he supported U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman because he was the most in support of United States troops in that country.

"I think he's pretty pragmatic about foreign policy," Oliver said. "I think his policies could actually come to fruition. He wouldn't take the rug out from under us."

Handfuls of people showed their support for candidates Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, ret. Gen. Wesley Clark and Lieberman. Two people supported Richard Gephardt.

Dean received 33 votes; Kucinich, 34.

The Kucinich crowd applauded and cheered the announcement of their winning candidate.

Judy Pope, the representative for the Kucinich campaign, said the Internet, the anti-war movement and the conservative George W. Bush presidency are fueling people's interest and involvement in the campaigns of Democratic candidates.

Kucinich is receiving very low poll numbers nationally, but is well-known and liked in the Bay Area, Franaszek said. Kucinich is for single-payer health care, and opposes the war in Iraq, according to published reports.

He received some of the loudest, most sustained applause during the question-and-answer session.

"You can almost feel the energy," said Democratic Club member Al Miller. "I got a kick out of it (the event). I was skeptical at first, but I thought it was great."

West County schools draft audit release

■ Report shows district's construction program is in need of management changes but hasn't violated state policies

By Kara J. Shire
TIMES STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — The first of two long-awaited audits of the West Contra Costa school district's \$560 million school construction program found several areas in need of improvement, but not the smoking gun some had suspected.

A draft performance audit released this week shows the gravest errors in the management of the district's massive school construction program were in duplicating job efforts and muddying the bidding process.

A financial audit of the \$300 million Measure D bond, approved by voters in March 2002 to rebuild

and upgrade secondary schools, could be released as early as next week.

The audit conducted by Total School Solutions is required under Proposition 39, which allowed majority voter approval for school districts to levy bonds but required more oversight of the money.

The performance audit found no violation of state policy.

In a draft summary of the audit released to the Bond Oversight Committee on Monday night, the firm called for improved data management, increased communication with school staff and the public, improved public access to information, and better delineation of job duties among bond managers.

West Contra Costa's bond program is managed jointly by The Seville Group and WLC Architects. This arrangement leads to duplication and confusion over responsibilities and accountability, the au-

dit found.

"The district should consider revising the organizational structure and designate one of the two firms as the supervising partner," the auditors wrote.

Dick King, chairman of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee, was pleased with the audit findings.

"They recognized the good things that we've done and recognized some of the things that could be improved," King said. "But the overall review is that everything is in accordance with the law."

San Pablo Vice Mayor Barbara Vigil, an oversight committee and audit subcommittee member, said she wanted to keep her comments short until the West Contra Costa school board sees the audit next week.

"It all looks very good," Vigil said.

The audit did note the first phase of Measure M elementary

school projects exceeded the original budget by \$33 million. Second round of elementary projects ended up \$4 million over the original project budget.

The increases were due to the school board's decision to raise the construction standards are not exceeded, the auditors wrote.

In written responses to audit findings, West Contra Costa school district officials made most recommendations they had already been implementing many proposed.

"I don't think any of them have been suggested in the past," King said. "I think the key now is to get together and work together on meeting these recommendations."

Regional park district eyes another parcel tax

■ Target area is between Richmond and Oakland, where support is strongest

By Mike Taugher
STAFF WRITER

A plan to increase funding for East Bay parks by taxing only those property owners in the corridor from Richmond to Oakland would likely succeed, a political consultant to regional park officials has determined.

The report, which was delivered to the East Bay Regional Park District, concludes that 78 percent of voters in the corridor would support a parcel tax of \$12 a year to pay for fire prevention and park maintenance.

The money would be used only at parks near those voters — shoreline parks and those in the hills from Tilden and Wildcat Canyon south to Anthony Chabot.

The measure also could be used to open and run Eastshore State Park, a unit of California's state park system that officials say is unlikely to be funded adequately by a financially strapped state government.

The new survey comes as the park district, which has failed twice since 1998 to raise parcel taxes throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties, is considering whether to try again next November. No decision is expected until summer.

This time, the park district might target voters that have been most supportive of tax mea-

sures in the past. The voters are in Berkeley, Richmond, El Cerrito, Kensington, Oakland, Alameda, Albany, Emeryville and Piedmont, an area the park district is calling "zone 1."

In 1998, 73 percent of voters in that zone voted for the tax, and last year 70 percent of voters in that area supported the tax. But in each of those ballots, relatively weak support in eastern portions of the park district doomed the tax measures, which require two-thirds support.

"Putting up another two-county ballot wouldn't work. That's beating your head against the wall," said Ted Radke, a park district board member.

"The people in that area have voted for our past two parcel taxes," Radke added. "The poll was very positive. It's something that at least some of us are beginning to think about, (to) lean toward."

One board member, John Sutter, has expressed reservations about the plan, saying he does not think the park district should fund a state park. Sutter also told other board members that he is concerned the park district might shift money from its general fund out of the higher-taxed zone to lesser funded regions.

A park district critic agreed,

saying the tax distribution issues could lead to widespread opposition.

"This is really bad because once again the district shows it has it in for Oakland," said Harlan Kessel, a former park district board member. "I think it's going to be hard to pass any parcel tax."

For years, the park district has said it needs a new parcel tax to help pay for park maintenance and to open new parks on properties it has purchased with proceeds from a \$225 million East Bay parks bond approved in 1988.

Because the western part of the district has the older, more established parks, a new tax focused in zone 1 would pay mostly for park maintenance and

fire prevention. It would address the park district's open new property from the 1988 bonds, because properties tend to be sold in the district.

Park officials have wanted to secure additional funding for operations and maintenance before they ask for the two-county park district to be a new bond.

"We do want to make sure we can handle the ongoing maintenance in a responsible way before seeking more bond money," said park district assistant manager Dave Collins.

Only about \$53 million in 1988 bonds is still available for land purchases, and the district is restricted to certain uses of the district, Collins said.

School board recall effort falters

■ Organizers, noting lukewarm response, say they now aim to send a message of continued voter dissatisfaction

By Kara J. Shire
STAFF WRITER

With less than three months left to gather thousands of signatures, organizers of a campaign to recall two West Contra Costa school board members say they have little hope of pushing the issue to the ballot box.

The group, which has received a lukewarm response from parents, is now aiming to send a message of continued voter dissatisfaction, said Diane Brown, a West Contra Costa teacher and member of the recall steering committee.

"Even if it turns out to be a symbolic effort, it still needs to be out there that there are people out there that are still concerned about the schools," Brown said.

The campaign to recall trustees Karen Leong Fenton and George Harris III began in July, when the school district's budget woes hit full throttle.

Looking to bridge a \$14 million funding gap, the board had approved an unpopular plan to eliminate secondary school counselors and increase primary grade class sizes.

Employee groups agreed to money-saving concessions that spared those programs.

Still, recall backers said in an e-mail statement that Harris and Fenton were "resistant to any suggestions in working with the community to solve the impending budget crisis..."

The challenges that existed then, the group said, "still threaten to impact the parents, teachers, counselors and students of (the school district)."

Recall backers have until Feb. 12 to gather 12,693 valid signatures. It was unclear Wednesday how many signatures had been gathered during the five-month campaign.



If the needed signatures are approved, the earliest election date would be mid-May, according to the Contra Costa County elections department.

Harris, who is up for re-election in November 2004, said he is not planning an anti-recall campaign.

"It's kind of a moot issue because the things they're claiming I did that were out of bounds

turned out to be validated," he said.

Fenton said she stands behind her positions on spending and cutbacks. "We had to take that position, and we continue to take tough positions," she said.



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Real Estate & Home

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Section B

Are you cut out to be a landlord?

Many investors, owning rental property is a great way to build long-term wealth. The benefits of ownership include tax breaks and pride in ownership. But financial reward is not the only reason to become a landlord. It is hard work and requires a lot of knowledge and experience. Before you plunge, be aware of the risks involved.

One thing to know is that rental income property is not just an investment. It's a business, and you need to run it as such. You have an advantage if you already own a business; you'll be able to apply the skills and experience already acquired to managing rental property. If you don't already own a business, there are other ways to get the training and education you'll need. Many local community colleges offer courses on property management. Most landlords and owners associations offer seminars and workshops on various aspects of owning rental property. You should carefully consider all options before deciding to be a landlord.

Highly regulated business. You must know the landlord-tenant laws for your state and your local jurisdiction of the regulations.

will cost you in fines and legal fees, and may put you out of business. Educate yourself on your rights and responsibilities as well as those of your tenants.

One of the best ways to stay current is to join a local landlord or apartment owners association. These groups meet regularly and typically host speakers that present on a wide variety of topics relating to the ownership of rental income property.

■ You must be adequately capitalized.

Financing the purchase of an investment property is different than that of a personal residence. Lenders typically expect a large down payment and loans are more expensive because lenders believe investors are more likely to walk away from a rental than they are from their own home.

Lenders will examine the ability of the income from the property to support the debt service required to amortize the loan. The loan amount will be established as a function of the property's net income and down payment.

You must also have adequate capital readily available for future maintenance, repairs, improvements and emergencies.

■ Thorough screening is absolutely essential.

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various types of checks to verify the information supplied. At a minimum, these include a check of their credit, employment history, criminal background, references and prior evictions, if any.

You carefully screen all applicants, select the most qualified, and spell out the terms of the tenancy relationship in a written contract. The better your due diligence, the

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Mediterranean masterpiece in Berkeley



DESIGNED BY GLEN JARVIS and built by Reuvekamp Builders, the majestic Mediterranean at 1508 Grand View Drive, Berkeley, captures unparalleled views from almost every room. The limestone entry stairs extend into the interior entry hall, creating an elegant and extraordinary first impression. The main level offers a formal living room and dining room as well as a more casual family room off the gourmet kitchen. The master suite provides a double walk-in closet and luxurious bath with broad Bay views. There are three other spacious bedrooms on the upper level, and a fifth bedroom on the lower level, which has a separate entry and full bath. There is also a large media room or office on the lower level. A large private loggia opens from the hallways and extends to a sunny deck. The three-car garage provides level entry with interior access, and below it there is extensive storage.

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Juggling a sale and a purchase

Buying one home and selling another at the same time requires solid financing, planning and creative management.

While most experts agree that you should always close your own sale before committing to buying another piece of property, sometimes circumstances can place you in just the opposite situation.

Your goal in either case is to make two transactions dovetail to the finish simultaneously or as close to simultaneously as possible. It can be a stressful process with burdensome financial consequences.

As in any real estate transaction, however, the trick is to stay calm, focused and flexible.

Most experts advise selling first because it virtually eliminates the financial risk. You'll know how much money you have to work with for the next purchase. You also don't have to arrange for interim financing or save extra funds for a down payment. And if you can negotiate a sale/leaseback, you can stay in your current house for a month or two while you look for, or close on, your next house.

If you can't arrange to rent your current house, you will probably have to rent somewhere else temporarily. But it is usually cheaper to pay two months rent and extra moving

costs than to pay two mortgages, taxes and insurance for several months. Also, you need to consider the consequences of your house not selling at all, especially if the market is slow or you didn't have time to fully prepare your house for sale and it is showing poorly.

It is almost always better to sell your current home first, and your lender may require it if you can't qualify for interim financing. Whichever route you take, start managing the two transactions in tandem.

Step by step: Here's a simple look at managing two transactions.

If you sell first

If you've started looking for another house and your own home is not already on the market, stop and prepare your house for sale. Consider your timing — spring and early fall are the busiest buying seasons.

Get three comparative market analyses from three prospective listing agents — and determine your home's approximate value.

Estimate the minimum amount of cash you can expect to get from the sale and get pre-approved for a loan to determine the price range you should be shopping in.

Order a pre-sale inspection and start making any necessary repairs and decorating adjustments.

Launch your sale and start shopping in earnest for your next home.

Accept an offer and negotiate a long escrow or a sale/leaseback to buy secure extra time if you have not yet found your new home. If the buyer wants to close quickly, arrange for temporary housing. Avoid putting an offer on another house until most of your purchase contract's contingencies have been satisfied.

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THE STAGE OF THE CERRITO THEATER, above, awaits renovation, which will help preserve the theater's murals, detail shown right. You can help make the renovation a reality by attending an Open House at the theater Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Historic Cerrito theater looks to the future

FRIENDS OF THE CERRITO THEATER

Two years ago the historic Cerrito Theater was destined to be gutted and turned into a mattress store. The public rallied to save this long-shuttered 1937 Art Deco gem.

Friends of the Cerrito Theater formed, and a year ago held an open house in the theater that attracted over 2,000 people.

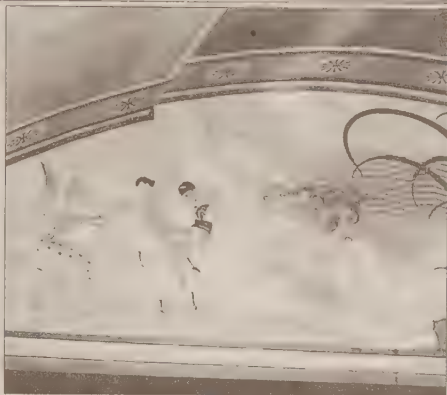
They are now raising money to restore some of the theater's historic elements — including the long-lost neon marquee.

Public support so impressed members of the City Council that they decided to buy the

theater. The City hopes use the revived theater to boost business along San Pablo Avenue and serve as a city landmark.

Speakeasy Theaters, which runs the popular Parkway Theater in Oakland, plans to operate the Cerrito as a two-screen theater with informal seating. As at the Parkway, pizza and other food will be served. The theater will also be used for community events.

An Open House — from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the Cerrito Theater, 10070 San Pablo Ave. (at Central Avenue) — will feature a slide presentation by Lerner + Holan Architects. Both Annie Lerner and



Jerri Holan are experienced in historic renovation.

Come and learn how you can get involved. Discover ways to volunteer and brainstorm fund-raising ideas. Buy a Cerrito Theater T-shirt, just in time for the holidays. To learn more, visit www.cerritotheater.org

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The key elements a research report

When you purchase a big-ticket item, like a home, you usually do not walk in the front door and make an offer. Most people will examine the property with an agent, ask questions and they might even ask the neighbors about the surrounding area and the schools. Similarly, you should be just as careful and inquisitive when buying a stock.

When you purchase a share of stock, you are actually purchasing a share of a company, so it makes sense to ask questions and learn what analysts have to say before you buy.

Just as you would want to know if the plumbing worked in a house, you should know the basics of a company you are considering for purchase. Documents like an annual report or other company filings typically will answer many of your questions; however, research reports can also provide an outside perspective of a company.

Let us take a look at some common elements in most research reports and what they mean:

Cash Flow — The income of the company before expenses — like taxes and depreciation — are subtracted. Basically cash flow tells you how much money is coming into the company and is available to pay the company's debts. While cash flow will not tell you if a company is profitable over the course of a year, because expenses have not been deducted, it can give you an indication of trends in the company's profitability when compared from year to year.

Price to Earnings Ratio — This ratio is the company's current stock price divided by next year's estimated earnings per share. The higher the P/E ratio is, the more money investors are paying for the company's potential future earnings or profits. A stock with a P/E of more than 20 is usually considered to be a fast-growing company and while you may expect greater profits, you should also keep in mind that you may be taking on a greater amount of risk.

Book Value Per Share — Book value per share is the dollar amount

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that you could expect to receive for each share of stock if the company were to liquidate. This figure can be determined by dividing the company's total assets by the number of shares outstanding.

Dividend Yield — An investor looking for a steady income should pay special attention to a company's dividend yield, which represents the annual dividend paid to shareholders as a percentage of the stock price. This number is particularly important when it is compared to the yield on bonds or CD's to determine if a stock could offer a better return.

Keep in mind, however, that when researching a company, you should look at more than just the financial data. But also, an analyst's opinion on whether a company is headed in the right direction will influence its profitability, just as you would consider a decision to purchase a house just one neighbor's views from several angles.

Your financial advisor is a good resource to help you understand research reports. Beneficial financial information might be helpful to you in making an investment decision.

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City-wide open house an annual event?

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"What a great way to see what homes are available, have a nice lunch and have a chance to interact with other potential home buyers."

"Informative, fun and extremely helpful when trying to ease the stress of house hunting, what a wonderful event."

These were just a few comments overheard at the City of Oakland's first City Wide Open House of Oakland in October which was sponsored by council member Larry Reid, the City of Oakland, The Oakland Association of Realtors, the Housing Affordability Fund from the California Association of Realtors, Bank of America, FreddieMac, The Associated Real Property Brokers, Network Mechanics, and The Women's Council of Realtors.

Three busloads of excited home buyers were hosted on a city-wide tour that lasted more than four hours through neighborhoods to see firsthand the housing units that were available for sale. Each bus was greeted with knowledgeable real estate profes-

sionals at the open listings, with the anticipation of making the American Dream of owning a home a reality. Lenders, title insurance companies, credit repair agencies, government agencies, and counseling agencies began the day's events with a home buyers fair inside of city hall.

"The number of people who got up early on Saturday morning to gather information on how to achieve home ownership here at City Hall is a true testament as to the needs of residents who are serious home buyers," said Georgia Richardson, president of the Oakland Association of Realtors. "People were truly excited and throughout the day, more and more questions were answered and the pool of potential buyers increased tenfold".

Council member Larry Reid greeted all of the participants in front of Oakland City Hall and encouraged them all to "enjoy the day's events, take notes on the many amenities that the City of Oakland has to offer, and more importantly, become homeowners." He said he would like to continue holding the event annually.

Juggling

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Close the sale and deposit the proceeds in the bank while you look for your next house.

If you buy first

If you have found the house of your dreams, and your own current house isn't on the market, structure your offer to include as long an escrow as possible. Be sure to include the proviso that the purchase is contingent on the

sale of your current home. Such a contingency is a seller's nightmare, but in a slow market, the seller may be willing to accept the proviso.

Start preparing your house for sale. Consider pricing carefully. You may need to list at a lower price to speed your sale. You also may have to offer such incentives such as a home warranty.

Find a lender to secure interim financing to cover purchasing your next house while your current house is for sale. So-called bridge loans are made against

the equity in your current house and cost more than traditional home loans.

Focus on that sale

Focus on selling your house. Help your agent any way you can and keep up the house's appearance. If you get an offer you want to accept, verify the buyer's creditworthiness, avoid any contingencies that could delay closing. Try to schedule a closing date before the closing of your other purchase contract.

When your buyer has financing, you may want the seller of your next house to have a buyer.

If you have not sold your house, and your purchase contract on your next house has a contingency that you to back out, you are committed to the purchase.

Close on both sales on your new home purchase.

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Landlord

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fewer mistakes you'll make. Thorough research really pays off here.

Maintenance and improvements are an ongoing process.

How handy are you? Are you willing to get your hands dirty? If you've never lifted a hammer, or a paint brush, you may need to reconsider this type of investment. You can, of course, hire others to do the work.

Just realize that the more you hire other people to do for you, the less you'll earn from your investment.

Good recordkeeping is also crucial. For business, legal and tax purposes, you must keep good records of all maintenance and repairs performed.

People skills are important.

Managing tenants requires a landlord to wear many different hats — customer service rep, handyman, therapist, bill collector, politician, recruiter, salesperson, mediator, and so on. Landlording is a people business. To attract and retain good tenants who will pay on time and maintain your property, you must be able to develop and maintain good landlord-tenant relationships. That means being professional and fair in all your dealings.

A professional advisory team is a must.

These are people with specialized expertise who will advise you on problems and help guide you as you go along. They may include experienced landlords, attorneys that specialize in evictions and landlord-tenant law, contractors, lenders, real estate brokers/agents, insurance brokers, property managers,

accountants/CPAs, and tax attorneys. The ideal people to have on your team are professionals who also own rental income property.

Now that you're aware of some of the realities of being a landlord, you need to decide if you're cut out for it. Don't be discouraged if you decide it's not for you.

You can hire a property manager to handle all, or some of it, for you and still enjoy the benefits of ownership without the day-to-day management responsibilities. However, you'll need to thoroughly examine your situation to determine if it makes good financial and business sense.

If you feel you have what it takes to be a landlord and want something you want to do for your homework and you'll be a great business partner and educated investor.

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toilet compartment (not just any toilet but an original thirties curvy porcelain toilet) and the dressing table room.

A drop-down phone compartment is on one wall and a tidy little four-pipe steam radiator opposite, and mounted over the radiator is a more recently installed accordion-folded fire hose.

The mirror topped dressing table is the skirted kind with arms that swing open to reveal a small drawer. The fabric is so pretty: cream colored, maybe taffeta, the kind with swirls, and there are roses along the edge of the table made from the same material.

No glitter or beads, no contrasting color, just a rich and simple covering hanging still as it was crafted all those years ago.

There are only four bedrooms. Each is a suite with bath and closets and dressing room, wide sitting areas, expanses of brand clean carpeting, floods of light from beautiful windows.

The baths are all done in those fabulous '20s ceramic tiles: lilac and spearmint green, shiny black and jonquil yellow. Like new.

At the rear of the floors is the servants staircase (we weren't allowed in) and there is a glass-fronted call box in the kitchen with little black pointers to show the staff where in the house a call is coming from.

And there is a walk-in linen closet with deep shelves on three sides stacked with smooth, perhaps ironed, sheets and pillowcases, also pillows and spreads,

and there's a small wooden stool there so the top shelves can be reached.

Below the main floor is, we were told, a basement where, no doubt, is the source of the steam heat and maybe the original on-demand hot water heater, one of those big old black cast iron ones. I'd love to see them, would certainly enjoy finding out what else the basement contains. Sometimes big old houses have vaults for fire and for silver and a fireproof safe for jewelry and bonds.

But even more than the basement, I yearn to see the attic which spreads across the entire top floor and is, we heard, filled with every sort of thing dating back to the '30s. Imagine what must be in that attic!

This property has been owned by the same family since not long after it was constructed. The story goes that the original owners lost their money in the crash and had to sell. Who bought was a couple with a daughter, a teenager at the time. She was married in the house, then she and her groom went to live nearby and raise their own family.

Now her parents have died and the house is for sale again.

There is already one bid for the house which must be confirmed in court Dec. 16. Perhaps someone will offer a higher price and win the house, but in any case, the house will need to be cleared of all it contains quite soon. The thought is incredible to me because the quantity, the volume of belongings here is enormous.

I envision a cordon of trucks, 40 men going in and out of the house, up and down the stairs carrying furniture, bundling pieces

in quilted blankets, rolling and securing the fine rugs, wrapping lamps and shades, taking it all to the waiting vans.

And someone will get to pack up the attic, probably a whole team of someones. I just wish I could be one of them. What a priceless experience that would be.

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FOR THE PUBLIC

Thanksgiving

Here's hoping everyone is having a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. I would like to thank everyone for your help. Without your items and input, I would not be able to write this weekly column. I am grateful for all my readers and friends in the real estate industry. Remember there is never a charge for submitted items thanks to the good folks at the Hills Newspaper Group.

National President

The new National Association of Realtors president hails from Riverside California. Walt McDonald is the broker-owner of Walt McDonald Real Estate. His outlook on real estate is positive. "With low interest rates continuing to fuel demand, the housing market generally favors sellers in most of the country and home prices continue to rise faster than historic averages," McDonald commented. The local real estate community is proud to have a Californian as their national president. **Coldwell Banker Toys**

The holidays would be less than memorable for many area children, if not for the generosity of a group of real estate professionals. In its 16th year, the Northern California offices of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage teamed up with the United States Marine Corps Reserve, to make sure Toys for Tots gifts are distributed on time. This year CB has set up collection centers at their offices. Anyone can drop off a new, unwrapped toy and it will be distributed to a needy child. Area residents who wish to participate are encouraged to contact their local Coldwell Banker office **Holidays Past**

The Alameda Museum invites everyone to glimpse the spirit at "Visit Holidays Past". View the holiday baubles at the historic Meyers House Museum and Gardens from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 7. The furnishings and decor of the Meyers House, a Colonial Revival enhance the Christmas display. For information call 510-523-5907. To find out more call 510-523-5907.

Santa Day

Santa Claus is coming to town. Independent Real Estate Brokers invited Santa Claus to help them with their annual Toys for Tots Drive. IREB's Santa Day is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. Santa's Castle will be set up at the IREB Corporate offices on Lewelling Boulevard in Hayward. Children can visit with Santa and receive a free photo and treats. In the spirit of giving, participants are requested (not required) to bring a new, unwrapped toy to help make a needy child's Christmas happier. Last year, IREB collected 20 barrels of toys. Local firefighters, who distribute the toys, relayed the need for more items, for ages 12 to 16. Independent Real Estate Brokers has offices throughout the state, including Alameda and Oakland. For drop-off information contact Project Coordinator **Jackie Ruiz** at 510-276-7900.

TOUR DAY

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast once again in January of 2004. Due to the holidays, the Breakfast will be cancelled for November and December. Suggestions for next year's speakers should be addressed to **Ingrid Westgard** of North American Title at 510-867-0496 or **Ramadan Aziz** of First American Title at 510-339-1230.

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BEST OF BAR

Free Salsa lessons are offered at the Berkeley Association of Realtors 2004 Inaugural. The dinner/dance is at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11. 2003 President **Joan Brunswick** of Berkeley Hills will wrap up her term by introducing the 2004 President **Todd Hodson** of Marvin Gardens. The elegantly casual event is held at H's Lordships at the Berkeley Marina. Make a reservation by calling the BAR office at 510-848-2439.

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The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter has something fabulous planned. The 2003 Inaugural Luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12. The ceremony will be held at Scotts Jack London Square in Oakland. 2003 President **Patricia Bouie Hinds** has accepted the position of president for 2004. Felecia Favroth is the president-elect. Reservations are required. Call 510-834-0702.

PRESIDENT DUNNING

The Oakland Association of Realtors celebrates their 100th Annual Inaugural Thursday, Dec. 4. The event is held at the Marriott in Oakland. Outgoing President **Georgia Richardson** of Richardson Real Estate Services will pass the gavel to incoming President **Don Dunning** of Wells & Bennett. Make a reservation by calling 510-836-3000.

LANDLORDS

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County is offering free Landlord Workshops throughout the month of December. Learn the new landlord-tenant laws for 2004. Schedule and location information is available by calling 510-893-9873 or visit www.rhanac.org. Seating is limited and reservations are required.

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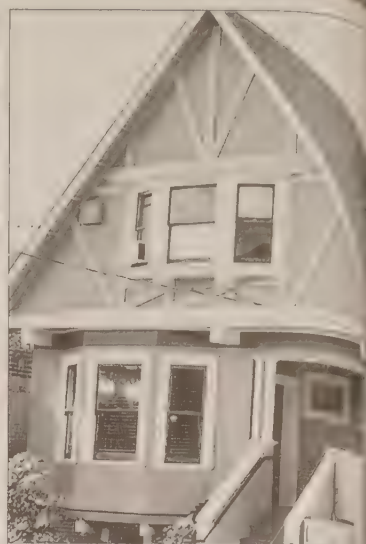
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THE STICK-EASTLAKE STYLE VICTORIAN-ERA HOME at 3014 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley, left, was recently converted into a spa. While the "High-Peaked" Colonial Revival house at 3014 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley, right, was converted into law offices in 1978.

Small-scale adaptive reuse

Part two of three parts

In part one of this series, I discussed some examples of small scale, residential adaptive reuse projects along Solano Avenue, on the Berkeley/Albany border. These were bungalows that were converted into small businesses. In part two, I will examine a couple of older and larger residential adaptive reuse projects along the Oakland/Berkeley border.

The area of North Oakland and South Berkeley along Shattuck Avenue was developed between the 1890s and the 1910s. The houses here are mostly two- and three-story Victorian- or Edwardian-era homes, many of which still retain all of their original architectural details, on both their exteriors and their interiors. A large percentage of these homes have been converted into offices for professional use in recent decades.

One example of this trend in residential adaptive reuse is the two-story Edwardian-era house at 3050 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley.

This house was originally a single-family residence built circa 1903. It was converted into a duplex after WWII. Then in 1978, a group of attorneys bought it and converted it into law offices. Today, it houses the independent practices of Bob Diener (the only original owner), Jim Chanin, and Jane Kaplan.

This house retains all of the original features of its circa 1903 facade. It is a High-Peaked Colo-

radial Revival house, with a steeply pitched gable, second story overhang, large dormer windows set into the side of the roof, and a recessed front porch. There is also an angled bay window in the gable, and another one on the first floor. The facade has thin, millwork clapboarding on the

added for easier access, as well as a lift for handicapped clients on the front porch.

A few blocks away, at 3014 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley, is a three story late Victorian house that underwent an adaptive reuse about two years ago. This is a large Stick-Eastlake style house,

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ground floor, and there is half-timbered trim in the gable.

The interior also has remained much as it was when the house was built.

There are built-ins with volutes in the old dining room, now used as a conference room for meeting with clients. The high ceilings and hardwood floors remain in most of the rooms. The original staircase to the second floor is also intact. The only major remodeling done on the interior was updating the kitchen for business use in 1985. A back wider staircase was

built circa 1890. It still has all its historic Stick-Eastlake features. The high-peaked double gable has geometric paneling and sunbursts at the top.

The facade has Stickwork trim, recessed corner bay windows with sunbursts on the brackets, spindles above the porch, and geometric stained glass windows. The interior of the upper two floors is still used for

residential purposes and many of its original adaptive features

The ground floor was converted from residential use into a small business. It now houses "Bellissima Day Spa" and a large sign over the front reads "Massage, Body Skin Care, Nail Care Waxing." The rooms on the ground floor have been completely remodeled in modern style, for use as treatment cubicles.

In next week's column describe some of the successful residential reuse of historic homes along Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley, including famous Grandma's Breakfast Inn

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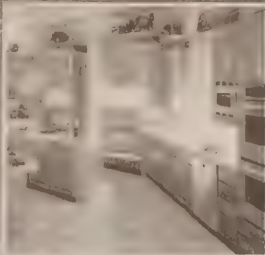
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 3344 Florida St - \$409,000
 364 Ghormley Av - \$265,000
 432 Ghormley Av - \$256,000
 3977 Greenwood - \$598,000
 711 Grizzly Ter - \$1,140,000
 4525 Harbor Dr - \$575,000
 3101 Herriott Av - \$270,000
 30 Hiller Dr - \$950,000
 1522 Holman Rd - \$380,500
 6015 Holway St - \$270,000
 3018 Humboldt - \$218,000
 575 Kenmore Av - \$560,000
 5637 La Salle Av - \$875,000
 1555 Lakeside 161 - \$500,000
 1784 Leimert Bl - \$760,000
 4083 Lincoln Av - \$477,000
 3459 Loma Vista - \$260,000
 1038 Longridge - \$1,230,000

6526 Longwalk - \$1,075,000
 1426 MacArthur Bl - \$365,000
 3716 Madrone Av - \$417,000
 3670 Malcolm Av - \$520,000
 4124 Manila Av - \$622,000
 6109 Menadnock - \$360,000
 7570 Mountain 5 - \$319,000
 3822 Nevil St - \$305,000
 3921 Norton Av - \$564,000
 311 Oak St #306 - \$500,000

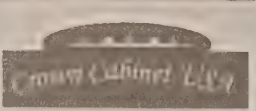
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 6121 Ocean View - \$995,000
 233 Orange 208 - \$285,000
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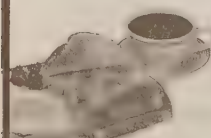
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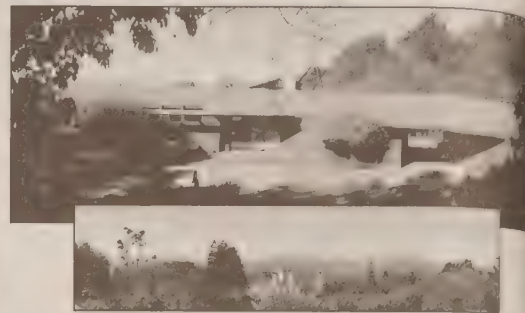
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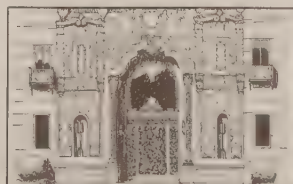
OAKLAND \$349,000
 Duplex. Cute 20% Spanish Deco charmer. Two 1 bedroom, 1 bath units. Everything redone in '93 with permits - updated baths and kitchens. Nice fenced backyard area with patio.
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LAKE MERRITT \$329,000
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LAKE MERRITT \$849,000
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LAKE MERRITT \$675,000
 Sweeping views from every room! This two bedroom two and one half bath condo on the 12th floor of Oakland's famous landmark high-rise has a wood-burning fireplace, a solarium, eat-in kitchen, a wet bar and its own laundry. 24 hour doorman/valet service included.
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LAKE MERRITT \$400,000
 What a view! 180° sweep of downtown, the bay and San Francisco Peninsula from the deck of this two bedroom two bath co-op in Oakland's "white glove" building. A beautiful décor plus a formal dining room with a European chandelier and an eat-in kitchen are included. Call for a showing appointment.
 TOM ERWIN



LAKE MERRITT \$765,000
 A picture postcard view of Lake Merritt and the Hills! This 1600+ square foot two bedroom, two bath unit has parquet floors, wood shutters, European chandeliers and an updated all-electric kitchen. Doorman service, parking heat and satellite service included. Call for appointment.
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LAKE MERRITT \$295,000
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 709 Biltmore St - \$613,000
 523 Bixco St - \$580,000
 241 Broadmoor - \$405,000
 82 Cornwall Wy - \$384,000
 14690 Cypress St - \$499,000
 13991 Doolittle Dr - \$287,000
 999 Dutton Av - \$435,000
 15397 Edgemoor - \$350,000
 1923 Eveleth Av - \$398,500
 1493 Gardner Bl - \$381,000
 15976 Gramercy Dr - \$475,000
 565 Juana Av - \$430,000
 1424 Leonard Dr - \$450,000
 589 Muscari St - \$685,000
 15086 Norton St - \$355,000
 14880 Olivia St - \$695,000
 14886 Olivia St - \$765,000
 1650 Oriole Av - \$360,000
 2350 Overlook - \$615,000
 1700 Pacific Av - \$422,000
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 1420 Sayre St - \$402,500
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1868 Corte Enano - \$380,000
 15945 Via Alamitos - \$345,000
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 15870 Via Marlin - \$365,000
 15840 Via Media - \$390,000
 620 Via Mirabel - \$375,000

By the numbers**ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 19
 LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,210,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$535,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$551,263

ALBANY

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$330,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$720,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$484,333

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 as a studio/workshop.
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 in rear. Close to transportation and freeway.

**N. OAKLAND \$850,000**

Commercial w/ 4 retail stores
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 & high TRAFFIC count.
 Currently, Café - Cleaners -
 Beauty Salon - Computer tech.
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**BERKELEY \$799,000**

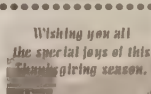
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**BERKELEY \$475,000**

Circa 1900 Victorian TRIPLEX w/ 1-280
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**BERKELEY \$1,100,000**

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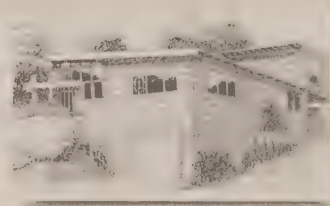
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**BERKELEY****\$675,000**

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**BERKELEY****\$655,000**

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Open 2-4

**SAN PABLO - NEW LISTING!****\$310,000**

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**OAKLAND****\$600,000**

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RICHMOND**\$397,000**

2+3/3 - Light and bright townhome in Marina Bay. Private, landscaped yard and two-car attached garage. Info @ www.katieandmark.com.

BERKELEY**\$475,000**

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OAKLAND**\$1,295,000**

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Sales

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BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: \$308,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$882,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$606,778

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$360,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$800,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$500,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$524,231

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$445,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$385,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$326,667

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$193,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$489,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$278,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$321,833

NOVATO

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$860,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 102
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,230,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$455,480

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$939,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,300,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,119,500

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 38
LOWEST PRICE: \$290,000

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$644,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$360,368

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 29
LOWEST PRICE: \$287,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$765,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$405,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$450,224

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 9

LOWEST PRICE: \$345,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$430,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$380,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$380,000

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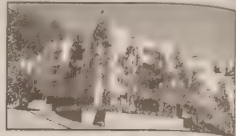
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Turnovers prove costly for Gauchos after building lead

■ El Cerrito turns the ball over three straight times in the second half in NCS loss to San Lorenzo

By Mike Wood

SAN LORENZO — All seemed well for El Cerrito High School early in last Saturday's North Coast Section 2A East Bay first-round playoff football game against San Lorenzo.

Those bright prospects made the Gauchos' eventual 32-16 loss that much harder to swallow.

A series of inopportune turnovers and El Cerrito's inability to score after the game's first 18 minutes turned the promise of a 16-0 lead into a devastating loss that ended the Gauchos' six-game winning streak — and season — with a resounding thud.

The No. 3 seeded Rebels (9-2) took some momentum into halftime by slicing the deficit to 16-6 on Ryan Battle's 37-yard run with 1:23 left in the second quarter. They owned all of it after scoring three straight second-half touchdowns — all set up by Gauchos turnovers. All four El Cerrito turnovers came in the second half.

"That was really surprising," Gauchos coach George Austin said of the turnovers. "You just can't give San Lorenzo a short field. When you play football, strange things can happen."

Sione Faleofa's interception of a Don Miguel Tutass pass gave Battle the opportunity to score four plays later on a 1-yard run. Though its lead was trimmed to 16-12, No. 6 seed El Cerrito (7-3-1) was unfazed as it moved the ball from its own 7 to its 43, with running back Mario Cox pushing the ball upfield. Cox ended up with 102 yards on 18 carries.

The Gauchos even caught San Lorenzo napping when punter James Cannon took off running for a 14-yard gain for a first down.

But it all went awry when Tutass' pitch bounced away from Ryan Shaifer and was recovered by the Rebels' Marlon Haynes at the Gauchos 42. San Lorenzo owned its first lead at 18-16 when Cory Williams scored on a 12-yard sweep on the second play of the fourth quarter.

El Cerrito's fortunes went from bad to worse on the ensuing kickoff. Haynes stripped the ball from returner Cyron Norman, with Byron McGhee recovering at El Cerrito's 17. Haynes hauled in a touchdown pass from Houston Lillard on the next play and the tide had completely turned.

Battle's third touchdown of the game came on a 2-yard run with 3:17 left. He finished with 83 yards on nine carries. Williams rushed 13 times for 132 yards.

Turnovers were the Gauchos' friend in the first half. El Cerrito's touchdowns — a 4-yard Cox run and a 1-yard run by Norman — came after two of San Lorenzo's three first-half turnovers.

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Campo jumps ahead early, routs St. Mary's

By Bill Kolb

MORAGA — After just 63 seconds had ticked off the first quarter clock, the Campolindo High School football team was already ahead 14-0.

That's about all you really need to know about the Cougars' 48-27 drubbing of St. Mary's in last Friday night's opening round of North Coast Section 2A East Bay playoff action.

It took No. 2 seed Campolindo (10-1) exactly three plays and 56 seconds to draw first blood after the No. 6 Panthers (6-5) kicked off to open the game.

Quarterback Nick Graziano rolled out to his right on the first play from scrimmage and found tight end Scott Kidd wide open for a 25-yard kickdown to the St. Mary's 42-yard line. Alex Solomon plunged ahead for 7 more, setting up the first of Graziano's five touchdown passes of the game — all of which came in an explosive first half.

Graziano found Brandon Parrill all alone down the left sideline for the 35-yard score and a 7-0 Campolindo lead.

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ST. MARY'S David Coy, left, and Ollie Churchill can't catch up to Campolindo's David Wonder on a first-quarter touchdown run.

ON DECK

Prep cross country

■ California Interscholastic Federation state cross country championships, Saturday, Woodward Park, Fresno — Albany's Sean Carey (Division IV boys), Berkeley's Alex Enscoe (Division I boys), St. Mary's Gabriella Rios-Sotelo (Division IV girls) and Berkeley's Ariel Zucker (Division I girls) all qualified to compete in Saturday's elite meet.

JC women's basketball

■ Contra Costa at Ventura Col-

lege Tournament, today through Sunday — This tournament has four of the top six ranked teams in the state according to the Nov. 17 CCCWBCA state poll, including the No. 3 Comets.

■ Contra Costa hosts Comet Classic, first round, Dec. 4 — After traveling to three tournaments, the Comets host one of their own.

Prep boys soccer

■ Winter Soccer Classic, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday — The

quality matchups continue as Berkeley faces San Ramon Valley at Piedmont at 7:30 p.m.

Stars of the week

■ Alex Enscoe, Berkeley cross country — The senior finished third in the NCS Division I boys cross country championship race and qualified for the CIF state championships.

■ Gabriella Rios-Sotelo, St. Mary's cross country — The junior was fourth in the NCS Division IV girls

championship race, earning a trip to Fresno for the state championships.

■ Sean Carey, Albany cross country — The Cal-bound Carey was third in the NCS Division IV boys championship race and advanced to the state championships.

■ Kamani Hill, Berkeley boys soccer — Hill led the Yellow Jackets to two wins last week. He had a hat trick in Berkeley's 3-0 win over Washington-Fremont, then added another goal in the Yellow Jackets' 3-0 victory over Kennedy.

BRIEFS

Albany Little League registration

Albany Little League will be holding registration for the spring season for new players Dec. 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Cornell School cafeteria on Cornell Ave. south of Solano. Returning players should sign up online. Resident requirements and age limits apply. Players must be born on or before July 31, 1997. Proof of residence and a birth certificate copy are required. For information visit www.albanylittleleague.org.

4 on 4 flag football tournament

A 4 on 4 flag football tournament will be held Dec. 20 in Hayward. The deadline to register is Dec. 15. For information call Chuck at 510-807-0146.

East Bay Bat Busters seek players

The East Bay Bat Busters ASA girl's fastpitch organization is looking for players for its spring/summer season. For information call Danny Gomez at 925-584-5979.

El Cerrito alumni soccer game

The annual El Cerrito High School alumni soccer game will be held Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m. on the football field at ECHS.

For information call Fred Gonzalez at 510-524-8960.

Panthers basketball registration

The East Bay Panthers Girls' Basketball Club is accepting applications for the spring and summer 2004 season. Teams will be formed for girls who will be ages 10-14 on Jan. 1, 2004. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31. Tryouts will be held in February and play at the competitive AAU level will begin in March. For information e-mail at eastbaypanthers@yahoo.com or visit www.lafayettepanthers.org for applications.

13-under Blue & Gold basketball tourney

Berkeley Youth Alternatives will be holding the Blue & Gold Basketball Tournament for the 13-under division Dec. 19-21 at the Emery High School gym in Emeryville. The cost is \$75 per team or \$15 for individuals with a guarantee of two games. For information call 510-845-9066 or e-mail at sports@beyondonline.org.

11-under Blue & Gold basketball tourney

Berkeley Youth Alternatives will be holding the Blue & Gold Basketball Tour-

namment for the 11-under division Dec. 5-7 at the BYA gym at 1255 Alston Way in Berkeley. The cost is \$75 per team or \$15 for individuals with a guarantee of two games. For information call 510-845-9066 or e-mail at sports@beyondonline.org.

Winter youth basketball

Berkeley Youth Alternatives is taking registration for its winter youth basketball program. The Pee Wee division for ages 6-8 meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday and the All Net division for ages 9-11 meets 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee is \$15 for Berkeley residents and \$20 for non-residents. For information call 510-845-9066.

Hitting camp

Head Coach Dirk Morrison and the Cal State Hayward baseball program are offering a hitting camp for players of all ages. The camp is a three session series. Campers have the option of signing up for lessons beginning 6:30-8 p.m. either Dec. 16 or Dec. 17 and concluding Dec. 22-23, 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$100. For information call 510-885-3046.

Pitching camp

Head Coach Dirk Morrison and the Cal State Hayward baseball pro-

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Winter flag football signups

Registrations are being accepted for the 2004 Albany Area Winter Flag Football Program at Dave's Dugout at 863 San Pablo in Albany Nov. 29-Dec. 21 on Saturdays and Sundays only from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The season runs from Jan. 3-Feb. 28. For information call Mike Achey at 510-528-4756, e-mail at machey@pacbell.net or visit www.albanyfootball.com.

O'Dowd baseball camp

The sixth annual O'Dowd Holiday Baseball Camp takes place Saturday, Jan. 3 at Bishop O'Dowd Winter Flag Football Program at Dave's Dugout at 863 San Pablo in Albany Nov. 29-Dec. 21 on Saturdays and Sundays only from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The season runs from Jan. 3-Feb. 28. For information call Mike Achey at 510-528-4756, e-mail at machey@pacbell.net or visit www.albanyfootball.com.

Players can sign up online at www.etaamz.com/dragons

Cal water polo camp

The Cal Water Polo coaching staff will be offering a advanced water polo camp for players ages 13-18 Dec. 20-22 at the Spieker Aquatic Complex on the Cal Berkeley campus. For information call 510-643-4730 or 510-643-2499, or visit www.calbears.com.

Cal winter baseball clinics

The Cal Intercollegiate Athletics Baseball coaching staff will be offering hitting, pitching and catcher clinics for ages 9-17 on the Cal Berkeley campus Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 27-28. For information or to receive a brochure call 510-643-2499 or visit www.calbears.com.

Piedmont High basketball coaching clinic

Piedmont High School's Boy's Varsity basketball coach Chris Lavdiotis in cooperation with the Piedmont Recreation Dept. will be conducting a coaches' clinic for youth coaches of grades 3-8 Dec. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Piedmont High School gym. Proceeds benefit Piedmont High's boy's basketball program. To register send a check payable to PHHS Boy's Basketball to Chris Lavdiotis at 209 Palm Dr., Piedmont.

84610 or register at the information call Coach Lusk at 2624

Rowers wanted

Berkeley High School is looking for BHS students who are competitive rowers. Contact the coaches at www.berkeleyhigh.org or contact the coaches at Berkeley High Athletic Department. High is one of only two in California offering rowing five sport.

International volleyball

The Goodwill Ambassadors Volleyball team is currently accepting applications for male players ages 15-20, to participate in the Goodwill Ambassadors Volleyball tour of Europe.

Members of the team from their country, currently in the United States, are looking for male players ages 15-20, to participate in the Goodwill Ambassadors Volleyball tour of Europe. For additional information call 255-8102. Or consult the website www.volleyballtour.com or e-mail at info@volleyballtour.com

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shy loner who collects radios and becomes mascot, cheerleader and gofer for South Carolina sports teams in the '60s. Based on a true story, it is nonetheless too maudlin and adoring to be effective. — D. Germain. (PG: mild language, thematic elements.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **C+**

"RUNAWAY JURY": The typical formulaic John Grisham thriller where you know right will prevail, against considerable odds, but you still have fun trying to figure out precisely how. This one works because it features so much ambiguity. The only clear-cut good guy is Dustin Hoffman as an idealistic attorney challenging gun manufacturers. Gene Hackman is the shark trying to rig the jury, and John Cusack plays a prospective juror with a hidden agenda and a greedy girlfriend. Not deep, and it doesn't stretch Hackman and Hoffman's acting capacities, but suspenseful and engaging. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, language and thematic elements.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. **B**

"SCARY MOVIE 3": The Wayans brothers have passed the scary-movie spoof baton to the "Airplane" guys, with tepid results. The movie has no edge, no "flava." It plays like 80 minutes of "Naked Gun" rejects, complete with an aging, less funny Leslie Nielsen, a sputtering Charlie "Hot Shots!" Sheen, and Pamela Anderson. — R. Moore. (PG-13: pervasive crude and sexual humor, language, comedic violence and drug references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. **D**

"SCHOOL OF ROCK": Jack Black stars as Dewey Finn in this happy, crowd-pleasing package with an off-beat, slightly demented script. He's a guitarist with delusions of being a musical deity. Fired from his latest ensemble, desperate for cash to enter a battle-of-the-bands contest and have his revenge, Dewey passes himself off as his substitute-teacher roommate (Mike White) and takes a job at a swank prep school. Put Black in a classroom of uptight, uniformed over-achievers who now have an aimless sub for a teacher, and watch sparks fly. — R. Moore. (PG-13: rude humor and drug references.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **B+**

"SHATTERED GLASS": Based on true-life tale, one of the '90s most infamous journalists, New Republic staff writer Stephen Glass (Hayden Christensen), gets caught making up stories. We watch, with great satisfaction, as his web of lies is slowly revealed by his editor (Peter Sarsgaard). With his effective, slimy performance, Christensen proves there is life beyond Anakin Skywalker. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B**

"THE STATION AGENT": A reticent

dwarf, a grieving mother and a chatty hot-dog vendor walk into a bar. Actually, they drink beer on a porch, but you get the idea. It sounds like the setup to a joke, but it's the premise of this small film bursting with insightful humor, unforced poignancy and beautifully drawn characters. Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson and Bobby Cannavale vividly portray three lonely people in rural New Jersey who form an unlikely social circle, despite their antisocial tendencies. That they're all oddballs and misfits may sound a bit too precious, but writer-director Tom McCarthy has developed the characters beautifully. — C. Lemire. (R: language, some drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

"SYLVIA": The illustrated Sylvia Plath, focusing on the love story between the doomed American poet, played convincingly here by Gwyneth Paltrow, and her husband, Ted Hughes (Daniel Craig). Christine Jeffs' film is very pretty and quite moving in places, but it doesn't shed any new light on the life and death of the last century's most celebrated female poet. John Brownlow's script is generally overly polite and cautious, but it does make one dangerous leap, a suggestion for the motivation behind Plath's suicide that scholars will probably dispute. Paltrow's mother, Blythe Danner, shows up as Plath's mother, a great bit of casting that feels wasted when we only get one sharp, suggestive scene between them. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **B-**

"THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE": Here it is, a slaughterhouse set in a slaughterhouse, complete with body parts, internal organs, blood spurts, torture, senseless murder and mayhem. It's a tale of teens on their way to a Lynrd Skynrd concert in 1973. They pick up the wrong hitchhiker, stop to call for help in the wrong town and wind up hunted by Leatherface, the prototype for every faceless, soulless monster from Jason to Buffalo Bill. This is as depressing as movies get. — R. Moore. (R: strong horror violence/gore, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **D-**

"TIMELINE": There's nothing wrong with this latest adaptation of a Michael Crichton novel that Martin Lawrence, Mel Brooks and the Monty Python gang couldn't fix. Instead, the movie is a dunderheaded mix of sci-fi and medieval skull-bashing. The plot: A group of archaeologists is flung back in time to the One Hundred Years War. — G. Lovell. (PG-13: gruesome makeup effects, battle violence.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. **D**

"TUPAC: RESURRECTION": Those who think that Shakur faked his own death will see this feature-length documentary as more reason to believe that "Pac lives. That's because,

through the magic of clever editing of extensive MTV interviews, Shakur, who comes off as charismatic and contemplative, narrates the movie himself. The artist's criminal troubles are addressed, and he is portrayed as deeply flawed, if always aware of his own failings. Shakur's articulate arguments for his own importance are such that open-minded naysayers will have to grudgingly admit that the polarizing rapper and actor was a fascinating, talented figure. — D. DeLuca. (R: profanity, sex, violence.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

"UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN": Generalizations are risky, but anyone wanting to know the answer to the eternal question "What do women want?" (or rather, women over 35) need look no farther than Audrey Wells' frothy adaptation of Frances Mayes' best seller. A woman (Diane Lane) gets dumped, despairs, goes sightseeing in Italy, buys a run-down villa in a small Tuscan hill town, cooks fabulous meals for friends, takes a gorgeous lover and essentially assumes a whole new identity. This is how we should all be dumped. The really nice thing about the movie, aside from Lane's warm, vulnerable performance, is its focus on how we recover from lost love, rather than the pursuit of a fresh one. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B+**

"21 GRAMS": Refers to the amount of weight lost at the time of human death, but Mexican filmmaker Alejandro Gonzalez presumably wants us to think of it as the weight of a soul. A math professor (Sean Penn) gets a heart transplant from a hit-and-run victim and ends up falling in love with the dead man's wife (Naomi Watts). But will he jeopardize his soul to get even with the killer (Benicio Del Toro)? Well acted, and in theme and structure bears a strong resemblance to Gonzalez's previous picture, the brilliant *Amores Perros*, but bogged down by its own self-importance. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some violence and drug use.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. **B-**

"VERONICA GUERIN": This scaled-down, no-frills, straight-acting piece on the events leading up to the murder of a real-life Irish crusader/journalist stars Cate Blanchett in the title role. Guerin dared to uncover the dark truth about drug dealers in Dublin and paid dearly for it. Director Joel Schumacher makes the mistake of opening his film with Guerin's brutal murder and then flashing back to depict the incidents that preceded her death. Knowing how she died and just how much her husband and children are about to lose, it's tough to sit there and admire Guerin for her spunk and determination to stand up for what she believes. — J. Baltake. (R: violence, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. **C**

'Bad Santa' more naughty than nice

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

A waiter cannot, in good conscience, recommend the sweetbreads to every diner, no matter how delicious he believes them to be. He would have to preface the recommendation with, "well, if you happen to be a member of the small part of the population that enjoys sweetbreads," and so forth.

If you happen to be a member of the small part of the population that enjoys completely politically incorrect movies, along the lines of say, one featuring a drunk man in a urine-soaked Santa suit unleashing a 90-minute torrent of obscenities, many of them directed at children, well, has director Terry Zwigoff got some sweetbreads for you.

"Bad Santa" is the anti-"Elf." Buried in its grumpy heart is a germ of genuine good cheer, but it's surrounded by comedy so dark that one's natural tendency to laugh is suspended briefly to process whatever despicable, cutting and hilarious thing Billy Bob Thornton, who plays the titular character, has just said.

Willie T. Stokes (Thornton), one of life's true losers, is typically employed for only one month a year. Every December, he steps into the aforementioned stained suit (sometimes it's his urine, sometimes it's that of the children who sit on his lap), and takes a job as a department store Santa. His partner is an African-American midget, Marcus (Tony Cox in a fierce performance), who dresses in an elf suit. They spend the month casing the joint and then on Christmas Eve, they rob it blind and move on.

Marcus is the brains of the operation, while Willie provides the safe-cracking skills. But Willie is

MOVIE REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Bad Santa"

■ STARRING: Billy Bob Thornton, Tony Cox, Lauren Graham, John Ritter, Bernie Mac

■ RATING: R (pervasive language, strong sexual content, some violence)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 33 minutes

■ WHERE: Opens today in area theaters

■ GRADE: B-

less committed to it than Marcus. All he really likes to do is get drunk, and his capacity for consuming alcohol is beyond remarkable: He's a parody of an alcoholic.

The team's latest target is a department store in Phoenix. The manager, Bob Chipecsa (John Ritter, sadly in what was to be his last role), is almost immediately nervous about Willie. He asks the head of security (Bernie Mac) to keep an eye on him, which propels Willie into an unusual housing situation with a young boy (Brett Kelly) who lives alone with his senile grandmother (Cloris Leachman) and seems to sincerely believe that this is the real Santa.

The boy, Thurman Merman, is one of those kids who exudes such vulnerability that even a devil like Willie can't entirely resist him, try as he might. He plods through life, overweight and constantly abused by other kids, yet still open-hearted and hopeful. He trains his blue eyes on Willie and asks one aggravating question after another about being Santa.

He's the first human being to penetrate the alcohol-induced Willie, unless you count "Gilmore Girls' Les Moonves, whose character is a man in Santa suits, whose interaction is more phony than emotional.

Although San Francisco's Zwigoff didn't write the script, the team of John Requa and Figgia did — it shares sensibilities, which run sharply intelligent and a little sour. But "Bad Santa" is as strong as either has been, as strong as either has been in "Ghost World," which won many best picture awards in 1999, and justly, not the Oscar. That's mainly because the movie devotes so much of its time to being offensive, not offending. It's a crass may be, but it's myopic about it. It's behind "Bad Santa" because we're trying to be good — it's such an unusual encounter during the movie season — but behind because we're the current joke is a lot like one.

Bizarrely, there's a lot of restraint to the comedy. Thornton gives a thoroughly satisfying performance, and talents like John Ritter and Mac and wish they had a chance to go wild. With a premise like this, we're rolling in the aisles, those who love this likely to cherish it with devotion that people like Coen brothers' "The Big Lebowski." Like sweetbreads may well be an acquired taste, it is definitely not for everyone.



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LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — "En La Orilla de la Luz — At the Edge of Light," through Jan. 6, 2004. An exhibit of photographs by Jutta Meier-Wiedenbach, depicting Chiapas, Mexico, shortly after the Chiapas uprising in 1994

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OAKLAND BOX GALLERY — "OCHO," closing Dec. 7. A three-person mixed media show featuring works by Colleen Flaherty, Diana Sanchez, and Caleb Duarte

Free. Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and during evening events. Oakland Box Theater, 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 510-451-1932 or www.oaklandbox.com

OAKLAND GLASS ARTISTS HOLIDAY EXHIBIT AND SALE — Nov. 28 through Nov. 30 and Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An exhibit and sale of glass artwork, including vases, bowls, pitchers, tumblers and sculptures, by Bruce Pizzichillo and Dan Gordon

Free. 2680 Union St., Oakland, 510-832-8380

RICHMOND ART CENTER — "Annual Holiday Arts Auction Preview," closing Dec. 5. A preview exhibit of arts and crafts that will be auctioned at the annual festival and auction. Nov. 26, Nov. 28, Nov. 29 and Dec. 3 through Dec. 5, noon to 4:30 p.m.

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Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, 510-620-6772 or www.therichmondartcenter.org

UC BERKELEY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM — "Our Daily Bread," through Jan. 20, 2004. An exhibit of photographs showing daily life in Israel by Micha Bar-Am

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Center for Photography, 121 North Gate Hall, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley, 510-642-3383

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John Garka, Christine Kane, Dec. 6. \$17.50 to \$18.50

The Cottars, Dec. 7. \$15.50 to \$16.50

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley, 510-548-1761, 866-468-3399 or www.freightandsalvage.org

JAZZ HOUSE — Good for Cows, Karla Kihlstedt, Dec. 4

Crater, Dec. 5

\$10 to \$15. Shows begin at 8 p.m. 3192 Adeline St., Berkeley, 415-846-9432 or www.thejazzhouse.org

KIMBALLS EAST — Jeff Lorber, Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. \$28

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Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005 Shellmound St., Emeryville, 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com

MCGRATH'S IRISH PUB — "Sea Chanteys and Songs of the Waterways," Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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MERCY STREET PRODUCTIONS — "Concert for Dignity," Dec. 4, 7 p.m. A concert featuring local artists, to benefit Operation Dignity. Featuring performances by Greg Lamboy, Ama and Diamond Moodie

\$10 plus clothes donation. 5429 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, www.operationdignity.org

924 GILMAN ST. — S.T.F.U., The Lewd Words That Burn, Crop Knox, Eskapo, Nov. 28.

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Small Brown Bike, The Orange Band, Scissorhands, Nov. 30, 5 p.m.

Grand Unified Theory, Forget the Joneses, The Silence, Static Thought, Dec. 5

Yaphet Kotto, The Yellow Press, Burmese, Bottled O.G., Dec. 6.

Total Fury, Find Him and Kill Him, Harlo, Deadfall, Cross the Line, Dec. 7.

All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley, 510-525-9926 or www.924gilman.org

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ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 Bug	1 Pres. from Hyde Park	59 Dregs	1 Pres. from Hyde Park
4 Head of Parliament?	2 Relative of Thai	61 Basic Toyota	2 Relative of Thai
7 "Ben-Hur" studio	3 No good	65 Extremist	3 No good
10 Sticking point	4 Certain Baltic	66 Going from the desert to the rain forest?	4 Certain Baltic
14 Just like that!	5 Best in the dining room	72 Popular shirts	5 Best in the dining room
18 Ballet performer	6 Kool-Aid choice	75 Retired faculty	6 Kool-Aid choice
20 Big name in electronics	7 1997 #1 Hanson hit	76 Brew	7 1997 #1 Hanson hit
22 Matter to be discussed	8 Soccer announcer's cry	80 Early winter fruit	8 Soccer announcer's cry
23 ___ Stone	9 Homeowner's concern	85 Building block informally	9 Homeowner's concern
24 Colleague of Jonathan Higgins	10 Heart	87 "___ War," Shatner series title	10 Heart
25 Any	11 Man's Marx Brothers movie	88 Square footage?	11 Man's Marx Brothers movie
26 Fair that's losing money?	12 Dinner in a bowl	92 Starchy food	12 Dinner in a bowl
29 Bygone dictator	13 Tailor's measure	94 Dam, e.g.	13 Tailor's measure
31 Currency transaction fee	14 Casual eatery	96 Football play	14 Casual eatery
32 Salt	15 French possessive alternative	96 Remove from a set level, as a currency	15 French possessive alternative
33 Paying the license fee?	16 Fresh in a Disney film	97 Trample	16 Fresh in a Disney film
41 Big shot	17 Detective (1930's, 50's crime fiction magazine)	100 Breaching of a subject?	17 Detective (1930's, 50's crime fiction magazine)
45 Jabber	19 Mack ___ who created the Keystone Kops	105 Last word of "America, the Beautiful"	19 Mack ___ who created the Keystone Kops
46 Raw	21 Solitary	119 Prefix with angular	21 Solitary
48 U N agency for working people	27 ___ en-Provence	120 Vahalla resident	27 ___ en-Provence
49 Outflow	28 "___ Sam" (2001 Penn-Pfeiffer flick)	121 Like jeans for teens	28 "___ Sam" (2001 Penn-Pfeiffer flick)
52 Population figure?	29 Fund-raising letter	124 Gulf of	29 Fund-raising letter
55 "Is that ___?"		125 A second-shaft possibly	
56 Resulted in		126 Noted Bolshevik	
58 They're for people without cells		127 Nigerian-born pop star	

73 "___ Majesty's Secret Service"	84 Swimming laps, e.e. Abbe	1011 movie TV hit
74 Lerner's partner	86 Concerto, e.g.	102 Chest music, to short
77 Whistled thinking?	89 ___ 80 (old computer model)	103 And
78 Clothed	90 Faddish training, once	104 Corrida sight
79 Bluegrass musician	91 Born	106 Basic assumption
81 Apece	92 "To sum up..."	109 Military meal
82 Foreword: Abbr.	93 Judicial inquiry	110 Blue hat
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CLASSICAL MUSIC

BERKELEY CHAMBER PERFORMANCES — Dale Wolford, saxophone, Ivan Rosenblum, piano, Linda Liebschutz, mezzo, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Performing works by Adams, Bolcom, Brahms, Gade, Piazzolla, Rosenblum and Schumann

\$20 general; \$15 students and seniors Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 510-525-5211 or www.berkeleychamberperform.org

CHAMBER MUSIC SUNDAYS — A series of Sunday chamber music programs by San Francisco Symphony and friends. All shows begin at 3:15 p.m.

Nov. 30: A performance of a Beethoven trio, Debussy and Beethoven cello sonatas and a Vaughan Williams quintet

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HEALING MUSES — "Reflections Early, Celtic and Traditional Music to

Soothe and Uplift the Spirit," Nov. 29, 8 p.m. \$15 to \$18. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany 510-524-5661

KITKA — "Wintersongs with Kitka," Dec. 7, 7 p.m. The women's vocal ensemble will perform songs and carols from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Latvia, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine, among others

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OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR — "The 18th Annual Christmas Concert," Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Performing traditional gospel music, spirituals and gospel arrangements of traditional Christmas songs

\$10 to \$35. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, 510-465-6400 or www.oigc.org

SACRED AND PROFANE — "Songs for Love, Joy and Sorrow," Dec. 7, 7 p.m. Directed by Eduardo Mendelievich

\$15 to \$17 general; \$12 to \$14 seniors, students. St. Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St., Berkeley, 510-524-3611

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS — "Candlelight Christmas," Dec. 6, 8 p.m. A diverse program of music including Renaissance motets and contemporary spirituals sung a cappella and with accompaniments. Joshua Habermann conducting. \$20 suggested donation

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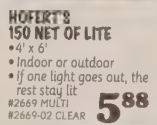
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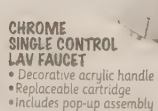


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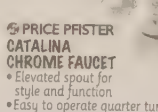
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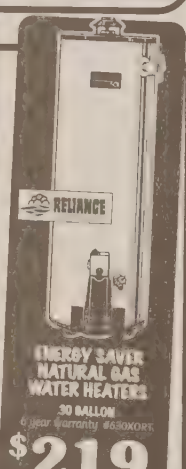


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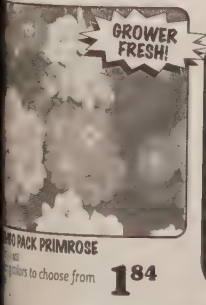
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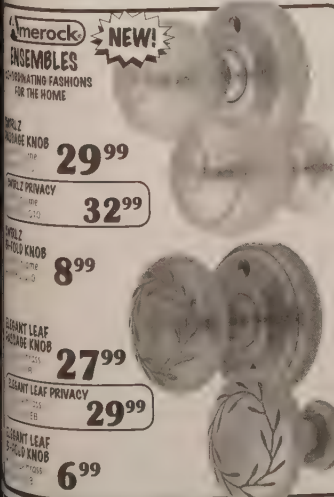
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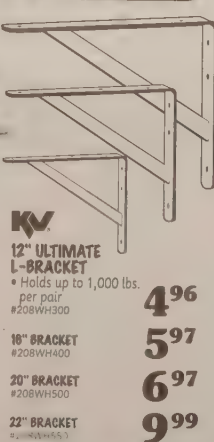
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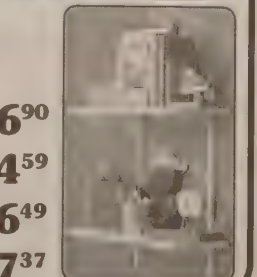
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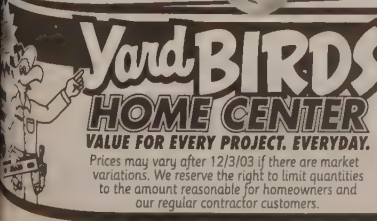
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OAKLAND BALLET — "Holiday Magic," through Dec. 17. A series of performances of selected dances from the "Nutcracker." Sponsored by Mervyn's and YMCA of the East Bay. The evening includes dinner and the hour-long performance. Dinner is at 6 p.m.; performance begins at 7 p.m.

Dec. 5: Haight School/Y Kids Care, 2025 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. 510-522-6526

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SPECIAL EVENT — "The Annual Holiday Soiree," Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dunsmuir's annual formal fundraising gala includes hors d'oeuvres in the beautifully decorated mansion, horse-drawn carriage rides around the grounds, and dinner and dancing in the garden Pavilion. Reservations required. \$150 per person. 925-275-9490 or www.dunsmuir.org.

ESTATE GROUNDS — through December. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Free Self-Guided Grounds Tour booklets are available at Dinkelspiel House. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-615-5555.

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\$7.50 general; \$4.50 seniors and children ages 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road, exit off Interstate 580, Oakland. 510-632-9525 or www.oaklandzoo.org.

USS POTOMAC — **SPECIAL EVENT** — The 2003 Annual Oakland/Alameda Lighted Yacht Parade, Dec. 6, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The USS Potomac will lead the annual parade of festive lighted sailboats and powerboats up and down the Oakland estuary. The Potomac Association is planning a special three-hour evening cruise with hors d'oeuvres, wine, champagne and non-alcoholic beverages. Proceeds benefit the Potomac Association. Reservations required. \$75 per person. 510-627-1215.

USS Potomac: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center: 540 Water St., Oakland. 510-627-1502 or www.usspotomac.org.

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"Decorate the Lorax Way," Dec. 7, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Help conserve nature's tallest plants by reusing paper products to make wrapping paper and gift tags.

"Science Camp Cut-Outs," Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Make Flipper Books, giant dragonflies, a marsh diorama and a snail puzzle from "Nature Scope." \$5 to \$7.

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Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. 510-525-2233 or www.ebparks.org.

UC BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDEN — TOURS — Botanical Garden Tours, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Holiday Plant Sale," Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find plants for the holiday and learn to make wreaths and take home wreath-making greens. Hot cider will be available

"Sick Plant Clinic," first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails plants. Free.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children ages 3 to 18; free on Thursday. Through Memorial Day: daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed the first Tuesday of every month for maintenance. Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 510-643-2755 or http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu



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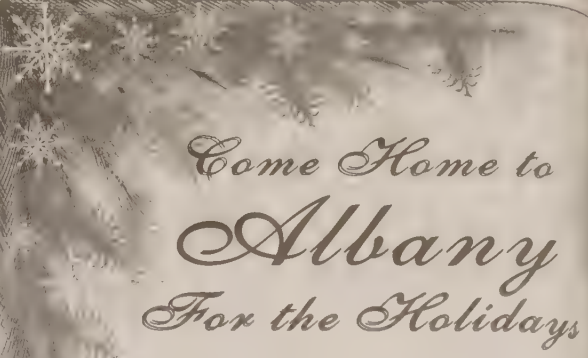
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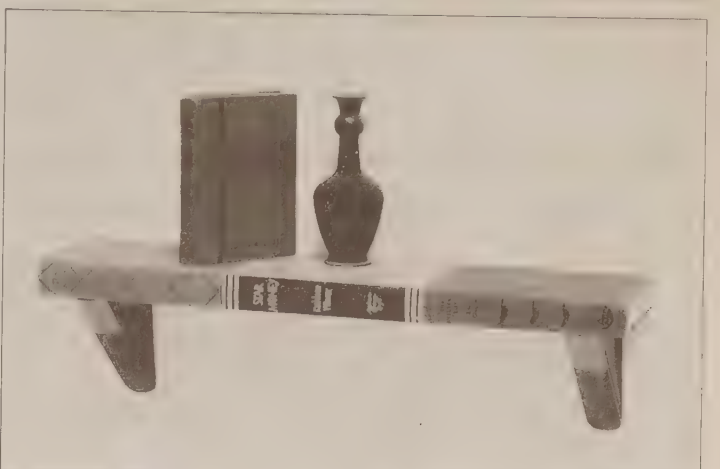
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At other times, she "paints" the color onto the clear glass by trailing a stream of molten colored glass over the surface.
"Glass is built in layers," says Wallace. "I add the color and pattern as I go along."
As she works, fellow artists wander in to watch the process. Located in the Sawtooth Building, a former window factory in the Berkeley flatlands, this community of artists "feels like family" to Wallace. And like a good family member, Wallace is happy to share what she knows with the rest of her clan.
"People come in here in the winter to warm up," she chuckles. "But they also come to learn how to work with glass."

For example, several small, oddly-shaped, pieces rest on Wallace's desk. "The woodworker next door is learning how to blow glass from me," she says. "These are pretty good for a first attempt. It's not easy to get the rhythm of keeping the glass twirling at all times."
Wallace learned to blow glass after training as a metal sculptor. She had always been interested in historic glass items that she saw in museums, but it wasn't until she moved to California to study at Oakland's California College of Arts and Crafts that she began to blow glass. After further studies led her to Washington State University, she returned to the Bay Area and began working as a landscape designer while blowing glass on the side.
"It used to be that the bulk of my business was landscaping, now the balance has shifted to glass blowing," she says.

Eye for design
Nevertheless, the same design sensibility that drives Wallace's garden design feeds her glass design.
"My work is less formal than traditional Italian glass," Wallace says. "It's very organic, and I often take my color inspiration from the garden."
She points to a green- and gray-striped vase that was inspired by a bed of lavender. Gold and cream stripes come from sunflowers; red and yellow from poppies.
"And just like I want my gardens to be lived in and enjoyed, I want my glass to be used," she says. "I love to see flowers in a vase I've made — it feels like the work has come full circle."

Accordingly, Wallace works



ARTWORK like this bookshelf by Jim Rosenau will be shown along the self-guided workshop tour.

"The woodworker next door is learning how to blow glass from me. These are pretty good for a first attempt. It's not easy to get the rhythm of keeping the glass twirling at all times."

— Holly Wallace, glass blower

in a manageable, affordable scale. Large Christmas tree balls run \$22; a vase can be anywhere from \$45 to \$155; and light fixtures are around \$250. She is happiest when she sees customers buying gifts for family or friends.

"The best moment is when I'll see friends or couples shopping together and they'll consult about a certain vase color or shape and say 'oh, so-and-so will really love this.'"

"Then I know my work is going where it belongs."

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Irish family offers sweet film memoir

By Mary F. Pols

STAFF WRITER
When Sheridan's golden-anniversary magnetic film "America" opens, a family of blue-eyed Irish immigrants drifts into New York City atop a station wagon as the truck blasts "Do You Believe in Magic?"
The Sullivan family must be tragic, otherwise they'd be here. They're broke, and Johnny (Paddy Considine) is an actor looking for his big break. In the Big Apple, like so many poor saps before him, he's a failure.
In the early 1980s, and Mansfield particularly inhos- pital to a family with young children, one is willing to rent to a manager of a run-down building filled with junkies. The apartment is a hole, filthy and infested with pigeons, but the young Bolger (Samantha Morton), 11-year-old Frankie (Christy and Ariel are, he is a very lucky man. Rarely do we see child actors as extraordinarily natural as these two. Christy is the watchful one, who better understands both the disappearance of Frankie and the impact of his death on her parents. Ariel is sweet innocence personified; even when she's naughty, she's cute.
The adults in the picture deserve credit as well. Considine, who looks like a more handsome, thinner version of Adam Sandler, is very believable. Having been exposed to the classic stereotype of the drunken, worthless Irish father in so many books and films, one expects Johnny to be a deadbeat as well. He's certainly got his weaknesses, which Considine lets us see, but it's not that cut and dried. Johnny is really trying, which makes us all that much more afraid he'll fail. We sympathize with every bit of frustration, every bead of nervous sweat on his upper lip.
There's a tenant in the building, a painter named Mateo (Djimon Hounsou), who causes the girls to name the place "The House of the Man Who Screams" (apparently, vocal workouts heighten his artistic inspirations). As threatening as

MOVIE REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "In America"
- **STARRING:** Paddy Considine, Samantha Morton, Emma Bolger, Sarah Bolger, Djimon Hounsou
- **RATING:** PG-13
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 43 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the Embarcadero Center Cinemas, S.F.; then throughout the Bay Area on Dec. 12
- **GRADE:** B+

this guy seems, it's a given — too much of a given — that he will become friends with the Sullivan family. The character has an element of triteness, but Hounsou has the kind of magnetic presence that makes you forgive that flaw.
Perhaps this is a limitation of the viewer's imagination, but there's something unsettling about Morton's Sarah. This character is supposed to be a rock — reliable, steady, loving. But Morton, with her history of playing haunting weirdos — the drug addict in "Jesus' Son," the precog in "Minority Report," the girl who chopped up her boyfriend in "Memento" — doesn't quite fit that bill. When she goes into a trance in one scene (a habit the family shares, mysteriously), you think, OK, here comes the wacko we're used to seeing. But in the end, it feels as though she was just testing the walls of maternal glow that Sheridan has constructed around her.
The film suffers from a problem we all know well from years of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Each time we tell stories about our families, they tend to get a little bigger, more dramatic, more removed from reality. That's not a bad thing, in fact, there's something sweet about our desire to puff up our own history.
But in this case, the Sheridans' memories make some of the things that happen to the Sullivans seem slightly improbable. Take the scene where the girls arrive at school in their homemade Halloween costumes. Everyone in the gymnasium, all the other students, all of their parents, falls silent and stops what they are doing, as if the Sullivans had walked in naked. Christy whispers that it's because of their awful homemade costumes. The idea that an entire room would be struck dumb by the sight of Christy and Ariel dressed respectively (and adorably) as Autumn and an angel seems embellished.
Overall, though, the movie is so lovely and gently nostalgic that you're likely to regard it with the same loving patience you do Uncle Willy after he's had a few glasses too many of the old eggnog.

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BILL MANN
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Talking turkey

YOU THINK YOU'VE got leftover turkey? We've got 26 of them in our driveway right now. I counted. Live ones. Wild turkeys, to be exact, descendants of those that invaded our rural valley about five years ago and are now commonplace. The Wall Street Journal, in a Page One piece not long ago about the bird's remarkable comeback after almost being wiped out, noted that the gobblers may not look very smart (I can attest to that) but are smart — in the ways of eluding humans. The Journal noted that some well-heeled turkey hunters (I wish I'd see a few hunters of any kind) now spend upward of \$250 on turkey calls.

Six years ago, while taking part in the annual New Year's Day Audubon Bird Count, we scoured the countryside looking for wild turkeys. When we finally spotted (and counted) some, there was much smiling. Now, I don't even have to leave my office to see them. For us and our neighbors — and probably for some of you — every day is turkey day.

SPEAKING OF TURKEYS

... That was pretty classy of Michael Jackson to give a peace sign (or was it V for victory?) to photographers after posting \$3 million bail.

The media circus surrounding the arrest of this overhyped freak would be bad enough, given the seriousness of the charges. But it's puzzling, given that Jacko's days as a big record-seller are long past.

The Scott Peterson, Kobe Bryant and Michael Jackson trials: It's good to know that television's impressive news-gathering resources aren't being squandered like, say, natural resources.

Oh, Oprah: Watching "Oprah" on Channel 7 gets more dismaying all the time. It's become Hype Central. Last month, the once-classy host was — sorry to be so indelicate, but accuracy counts — kissing the Schwarzeneggers' rear ends. Then, she gave harpist/abductee Elizabeth Smart and her parents an hour of free promotion. More recently, it was the insufferable Michael Myers who was getting the same treatment from Oprah. This to promote "The Cat in the Hat," which has been savaged by many film critics as vulgar and pandering.

The film has also angered the critics: Roger Ebert says Myers fought to leave the charming term "dirty hoe" in the movie. I wonder if Oprah even bothered to pre-screen "Cat." And I can hardly wait to see Jacko's self-pitying tears staining Oprah's carpet anon. This should produce a decidedly emetic effect.

SOMETHING TO CROWE

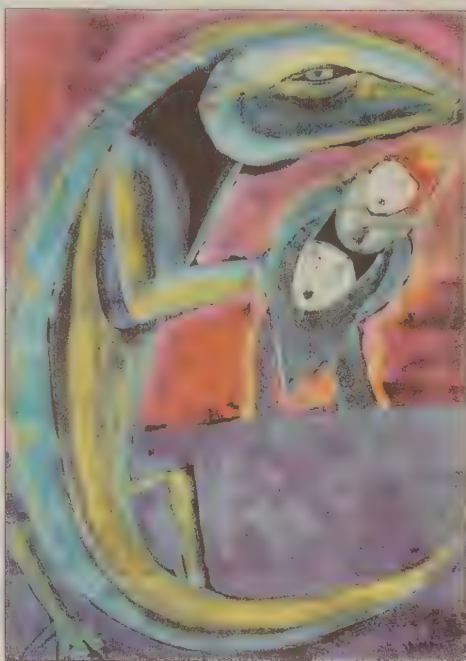
ABOUT: On the other side, actor Russell Crowe's pre-filmed "exclusive" tour of his huge Aussie ranch for Oprah did nothing to dissuade me from the idea that Crowe's is not the easiest company to keep.

But saying that, his "Master and Commander" is a marvel to behold. There is no pandering here, just a well-told story. It's hard to believe such movies are still being made. "Master" is the polar opposite of Myers' dreadful film.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA?: "PC Annoyances" is a new trade paperback by nationally known and widely respected O'Reilly Publishing up in Sebastopol. ("Annoying" is a popular word with computer-users, amateur OR professional.)

The book, written in a breezy style by PC World's Steve Bass and edited by Berkeley resident Robert Luhn, overflows with useful hints for techies and us non-techs alike. Example: How to get rid of that — here's that word again — "annoying" Image Toolbar added to Internet Explorer 6. It's the little rectangular box that appears in the upper left-hand corner of images when you point at them. Thanks to this useful book, on my browser at least, that little box is now history.

Questions, Comments? E-mail Bill: Newsman@sonic.net.



SUSAN BROOKS' gouache painting, left, and D.G. Duguay's mixed-media piece can be found along the Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios free self-guided tour, in which more than 100 artists and craftspeople will open their studio doors to the public.



Artisans open their studios

By Kathryn Loosli Pritchett

CORRESPONDENT

"Glass blowing is like juggling honey on the end of a chopstick and trying to make something beautiful out of it," Holly Wallace says.

The Richmond glass blower and owner of Ruby Glass Works in Berkeley is just one of many Bay Area artists who work year-round to produce gift items for the holiday season. Whether through open studios or craft fairs, these artists provide an alternative to mass-produced decorative home items.

And though the pieces may be one-of-a-kind items, they are not necessarily expensive.

"You can spend more for less in the retail market," Wallace says as she points to some beautiful handblown glass pendants that could easily be the focal point of a kitchen or dining room.

"Clients will bring me a paint chip or a fabric swatch and I can create a light fixture that will match it nearly exactly," she says. "What's available on the retail market is much more limited."

Watching Wallace craft a tor-



RICHMOND GLASS BLOWER Holly Wallace creates colorful items like this piece in her Sawtooth Building studio.

toiseshell-patterned vase from a small piece of molten glass is a bit like seeing someone toast marshmallows in the fires of hell. As she moves from one flaming furnace to another, all the while twirling her glass tipped pipe, she calmly directs her assistant, Mark Derrick, to help shape and mold and blow the glass into a delicately ridged vase.

"We perform a 2,100-degree

dance with fire and gravity," she says about blowing glass.

Shelves in her cheery studio are lined with rods and tubs of colored glass that Wallace uses to create color and pattern in her work. For some pieces, small glass bits — "like jimmies and sprinkles" — are placed in a mold, and Wallace swirls the clear glass vessel through the glass.

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IF YOU GO

WHAT: Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios

WHEN: Nov. 29-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21

INFORMATION: 510-845-2612.



ALONG WITH THIS Zalud handbag, all manner of fine art and craft will be shown, including ceramics, furniture and photography.

Carrying the flame for 21st Century zydeco

By Brian Kluepfel

CORRESPONDENT

Frank Bohan grew up in Chicago, playing that city's inimitable gritty urban blues. When he was first approached by accordionist Bruce Gordon in 1990 to switch to zydeco, two things appealed to him. The first was Gordon's messianic zeal.

"We were playing as the house band for a guy named Chester D. from Louisiana," said Bohan. "Bruce came up and complimented me on my playing, and then told me he had a dream band in mind."

The second element that struck a chord with the guitarist was the overlap between zydeco and the blues he was already playing. "In the '50s, (zydeco legend and accordionist) Clifton Chenier and his brother Cleveland basically surrounded himself with a blues band," said Bohan. "So they'd often play a straight-up blues in addition to zydeco."

Having accepted his fate and future in zydeco, Bohan went to half-time at his job in the Oakland school system (his rough-and-ready demeanor and shaved pate belie his degree in speech and language pathology from Northwestern University). A short time later, three members of what were to become the Zydeco Flames were rehearsing in a converted boxcar near Jack London Square.

Gordon and vocalist Lloyd Meadows had already been performing as a duo at events like the opening of Les Blank's zy-



THE ZYDECO FLAMES have been playing their mix of blues and zydeco for 13 years.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Zydeco Flames
WHERE: Eagles Hall, 2305 Alameda, Alameda (between Park and Oak)

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 29, 9 p.m.

TICKETS: 415-285-6285 (Eagles Hall) 510-525-5054 (Ashkenaz)

deco documentary "J'ai Ete au Bal (I Went to the Dance)" when they invited Bohan to join. "I'd heard of Clifton Chenier at that point, but basically my introduction to zydeco was through those two," said the guitarist.

Two weeks later, bassist Timm Walker had joined the fold, and four-fifths of the quintet was complete. William Allums Jr. became the permanent drummer a year later.

Thirteen years down the road, the Flames are still going strong, relying on zydeco classics and the infusion of the style into orig-

inals and classics from other genres. For instance, the Flames' take on Buddy Holly's "Not Fade Away" puts the accordion and rubboard into the foreground of what most bands interpret as a guitar-driven song. Bohan's axe is there, yes, but he's willing to accept its rhythmic role (known as the "chank" in music-speak) in zydeco.

"I'm not going to go way off and play something that doesn't fit with the genre," he said. "The guitar occupies a more percussive space in this music." The Flames, he said, "have taught me a lot about rhythm-guitar playing."

It's the band's musically diverse background that gives the Flames a deep well from which to draw. Meadows has sung R&B and often guests with Mal Sharpe's Big Money in Dixieland Jazz Band; Walker led Oakland soul-funksters Winetree in the '80s and also laid down the bottom for blues star Joe Louis Walker; Bohan and Gordon come

from a blues background, as well. Rock-steady drummer Allums brings a bit of the church to the stage; he still accompanies services at Oakland's Allen Temple.

So the band is able to liberally sprinkle their sets with hits from reggae, funk and other genres. "We've even played tangos and 'Hava Nagila' at weddings," said Bohan. "We pride ourselves as a band as being able to do a lot of styles."

"None of us is Creole, none of us are from Louisiana, so we don't pass ourselves off as purists," said Bohan.

Their ongoing gigs at Ashkenaz and Eagles Hall remain special to the Flames.

"These are the places that gave us our start when we first got together," noted Bohan. Also, folks at these events come to dance, something the band doesn't always see at the corporate parties for which they are also in demand these days. "We want people to get up and dance," said Bohan. It's not known whether President Bill Clinton two-stepped at the 1996 Hillsborough fund-raiser for his re-election campaign.

Despite their disparate influences, the Flames are proud to carry the torch passed on by Chenier, Beau Jocque, John DeLafosse, and others. "We can play as traditional (zydeco) as anybody," said Bohan.

Reach Berkeley freelance writer Brian Kluepfel at bklupepfel@hotmail.com.

Ambitious Shotgun Las on 'Meyer'

SHOTGUN PLAYS previews next Sunday of "Meyerhold" by playwright and director Patrick Dooley. Shotgun's director, Patrick Dooley, describes it as "epic theater" and our most ambitious production yet.

There's much to be made of that promise. "Meyerhold" opens Dec. 11 at Live Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, and plays Thursdays through Dec. 18.

After the holidays, it will move to the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, on Jan. 8 and through Jan. 25.

The two ample venues permit elaborate stagecraft should add to the impact of the work by Jackson, founder of San Francisco's Art Theatre.

Vsevolod Meyerhold, politically and artistically provocative artist who his indelible mark during early days of revolution in Russia. The theater gave the voice of progress in a paranoid society by making a philosophy of life in public could cost your life.

Meyerhold paid the Presumably on Stalin, he was shot in 1940 and his instance literally erased.

With the collapse of viet Union, Meyerhold's reputation have already been restored.

"This is the kind of work we've been working on for the last 12 years," Dooley says. "Some may question the wisdom of doing a play about 'Death' in the title and the Russian Revolution holidays. But, fear not. Death of Meyerhold is a tragedy with a smile on his lips," as Meyerhold would say.

Previews are pay-per-view. Regular performance is \$10 for all Thursday performances; for other general, \$12 for seniors and students and TBA members. Opening night is \$20. Day-Saturday curtain rises at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Shows on Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25. Call 510-704-8210.

'ENDGAME' OPENS

TONIGHT: Wilde traditions, in association with Arts Foundation, opens Beckett's "Endgame" by Gemma Whelan at tonight at the Berkeley Club, 2315 Durant St., at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, through Dec. 21. One performance is scheduled, day, Dec. 15.

Tickets for tonight with champagne reception are \$25. Regular performance pay-what-you-wish, \$10-\$20 other performances. Call 510-845-2612.

'CAROL' TAKES

Contra Costa College's three-weekend run of "Christmas Carol" is adapted, directed, photographed and music by some of the best in the Bay Area. The design: to take a time and closer to the original version.

The production is a multicultural cast and singers ranging from 5 to 66.

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Down the Road

Consumer Reports' most reliable vehicles

MOTOR MATTERS
Each year Consumer Reports' New Car Preview hits the road. Part of its appeal is the survey and this year there are surprises.

Ford Focus and Buick Park Avenue are now on Consumer Recommended list; and the Toyota Camry surpassed the most reliable sedan category.

It's the first time in at least 10 years that a domestic sedan has earned the honor. In the past it has been the Camry, Infiniti G20 and Maxima.

Domestic manufacturers, including General Motors and Chrysler, have seen the Japanese eat up much in terms of reliability ratings sales, and have put a lot in the past five years into improving their reliability," said Champion, director of Consumer Research.

Although the route took me on a couple of highways, most of the ride was on isolated rural roads where I drove at speeds "a bit" above the legal limits. In a car with a turbocharged engine that produces 415 horsepower and the same amount of torque almost instantly, it's hard to control the temptation to accelerate.

IN ADDITION to performance, the Porsche Turbo Cabriolet is designed for long distance comfort with leather seats to cushion the ride.

Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet — a unique driving experience

MOTOR MATTERS

When told I had a 270-mile drive ahead in the Porsche 911 Turbo, I cringed. Little did I realize how brief the ride would be.

Behind me was a wind deflector to keep the draft off my neck. When up, a special plastic material in the inner and outer layers of the top provide sound and heat insulation.

A hardtop is also available as

for open-air driving. At the touch of a button, the three-piece top releases from the windshield mounting while the rear deck and side windows open, then cradles downward out of sight as the deck closes, changing its appearance from sharp-looking to exciting in 20 seconds.

A hardtop is also available as

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

one of the 911's many options.

In addition to performance, the Turbo Cabriolet is designed for long distance comfort with leather seats to cushion the ride.

As with other high performance cars, the suspension system is not cushioned when on rough roads. However, unlike other cars built to hold the road at high speeds, the

ride is reasonably smooth.

Built on an aluminum frame, the four-wheel independent suspension has MacPherson struts, front and rear stabilizer bars, and gas-charged shocks that allow for flat and stable cornering.

In addition, this 911 has a Porsche stability management system that keeps the car going in the direction the driver is steering, even if the road is slippery.

This system engages when braking and disengages when the driver lifts off the brakes.

Although the car is small, the

wheels are huge. The alloy wheels on the front tires are mounted on 8x18-inch alloy wheels, and the rear has 11x18-inch wheels.

The large brakes have improved heat dissipation so they won't fade under hard usage.

This Porsche has the latest in safety equipment with such features as crumple zone structure to protect a front-end collision. The front end will be a mess, but the passengers will be better off for it.

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1936 Pontiac DeLuxe Eight Cabriolet is nearly extinct

MOTOR MATTERS

In 1935, a wide band of "silver streaks" the length of the engine hood was introduced and became a Pontiac design cue for the next two decades.

For the 1936 model year the Pontiac stylists simply fine-tuned the popular 1935 model. The "silver streak" on the engine hood now flowed smoothly over the radiator and down the front of the grille.

The headlight buckets were streamlined, brightwork was revised and the Indian head mascot on medallions adorned both bumpers.

There are a number of 1936 Pontiac Master-Six Cabriolets that survive to this day. Mike Kearney, of High Springs, Fla., owns a 1936 Pontiac DeLuxe Eight Cabriolet with a rumble seat and, to the best of his knowledge, there is only one other surviving eight-cylinder model.

He believes that one is in Pennsylvania. Kearney explains that the eight-cylinder Cabriolets were built only through April, 1936, while the six-cylinder versions were produced throughout the year.

In 1995 Kearney purchased a rusty, white 1936 Pontiac eight-cylinder Cabriolet in Virginia. The 232-cubic-inch, 87-horsepower, straight-eight engine reportedly couldn't be started because the gas tank was riddled with holes and couldn't hold fuel.

After Kearney got the Pontiac home and took it apart he discovered the engine block was cracked. A 1936 Pontiac sedan donor car was located in Ohio, he says.

"We took the Pontiac down to white metal." Any steel that wasn't healthy was cut out and replaced. That's when he learned the car originally was green.

"The Fisher body was built around a skeleton made of wood which had rotted and had to be replaced. Kearney found an artisan in

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

Pennsylvania who rebuilt the skeleton.

The aforementioned gas tank was, indeed, perforated. He found a brand new 1936 Pontiac 18-gallon gas tank in the Carolinas. "That has to be the last one," he remarks.

Knee-action Dubonnet shock absorbers were found in New York, but when it came time to reupholster the interior with saddle leather, Kearney received bad news: The frames of the seats were too far gone to salvage.

The seat search began and eventually a suitable pair was found in Seattle. Wire wheels were an extra cost option in 1936 and a complete set was located in Dayton, Ohio. That's where Kearney also found an authentic 1936 Pontiac radio.

Five white sidewall 6.50x16-inch tires were ordered to be mounted on the new wire-spoke wheels. All went well until the final step — snapping on the hubcaps. They didn't fit.

They were made for solid steel artillery style wheels. Kearney once more started hunting and found a pristine set of hubcaps that fit his wire spoke wheels.

Access to the rumble seat is another story. There are only two step plates on the right rear fender and they are spaced a generous distance apart. Kearney admits, "It's a long step to the rumble seat."

Making the best use of available space, General Motors designers placed the spare tire vertically behind the passenger's seat. Built-in shelves are located behind the drivers seat.

"It's a good looking car," Kearney says. All the chrome was sent off to Norfolk, Va.



EVERY PART of this 1936 Pontiac DeLuxe Eight was replaced or restored, sending the owner on search missions out the country for original equipment.

for replating.

The 16-foot, 2.25-inch-long Pontiac was screwed back together in 2001 in time for Kearney and his wife, Judi, to take part in a 400-mile Glidden Tour which began in Daytona.

The tour was completed without mishap, a testament to the care at each step of the restoration.

While seated behind the three-spoke steering wheel, he proclaims, "The instrument panel is gorgeous."

Kearney is appreciative of all the help he received from all quarters during the restoration process. "We had a lot of luck in doing this car," he says.

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yet we haven't been able to recommend it because of its poor reliability."

GM vehicles being recommended for the first time include the Buick Park Avenue, Buick Rendezvous, and Saturn L300 (formerly the L-Series).

The Buick Regal emerged as the most reliable vehicle in the family-car category, slightly ahead of the Toyota Camry, mainly because of Camry's squeaks and rattles, Champion said.

Champion attributes this to some problems the Camry had after being redesigned. In last year's survey its reliability was only average; this year it was above average. Still, it was beat by the Buick Regal, which had its last major redesign in 1998, he said.

Chrysler showed modest improvement. The Dodge Ram pickup and the Dodge Neon sedan both improved to average, but had scored too low in Consumer Reports' testing to be recommended.

Hyundai models, which dramatically improved last year, were mostly average this year. Kia's Sedona minivan dropped to below-average, while its 2003 Sorento sport utility was average.

Saab's sedans, the 9-3 and 9-5, as well as all of Volvo's sedans and wagons had average reliability. Volvo's sport utility, the XC90, was below average.

The car also features a Bose digital audio system with six channels and 12 speakers, and a Porsche Communication Management system that is linked to a Media-Oriented System Transport. When using a navigational screen, one can scroll ahead to see further down the road to see such things as traffic congestion.

For those who can afford a very unique automobile, stop by a Porsche dealer and take the 911 Turbo Cabriolet for a spin. Hopefully, the spin will be more than 270 miles.

Reliable

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One reason? The high-tech features showcased in many European models. "It seems to have come back to bite them" in terms of causing electrical problems, he said.

BMW's 3 Series improved to average, but the 7 Series luxury sedan, X5 sport-utility, and Mini Cooper were all below average. Volkswagen's Golf, Jetta, and New Beetle were much worse than average, and the four-cylinder Passat declined to worse than average.

The V6-powered Passat, one of Consumer Reports' Top Picks in the family sedan category, continued as average.

And the Europeans weren't alone in having electrical problems, such as malfunctioning "check engine" lights, airbag lights, and power door locks, seats, sunroofs and windows, Champion said. "Across all model lines and all manufacturers, the biggest problem area was with electrical and power equipment."

In the past, Consumer Reports surveyed only its magazine subscribers to get the reliability data. Last year 480,000 magazine subscribers were surveyed. For the first time this year, on-line subscribers to Con-

sumerReports.org were also surveyed, so this year's reliability data comes from 675,000 consumers.

In the survey — which was conducted in the spring of 2003 and covered 1996 through 2003 models — consumers were asked whether, in the last year, they had any vehicle problems that they considered serious because of either cost, failure, safety or down time.

Problem areas included the engine, transmission, suspension, fuel system and body integrity (squeaks and rattles).

The annual reliability survey is used to pick which makes and models Consumer Reports designates as "recommended." Models being recommended, which are from either the 2003 or 2004 model year, have performed well in Consumer Reports testing and have either average or better reliability. Vehicles that perform poorly in government or insurance industry crash tests are not recommended.

For the first time, Consumer Reports is recommending the Ford Focus, Escape, the current version of the Ford Explorer and the Lincoln LS.

"The Focus has always been a wonderful car to drive and tops of our ratings table since 2000," Champion said. "So for three years it has been the top-rated car,

Keane

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It also has dual front airbags, energy absorbing door panels and door-mounted side airbags. It has pop-up bars in the event of a rollover, but I can't imagine this car rolling over as the stance and tires are very wide.

Nevertheless, the Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet is not for everyone. The reason is simple: It costs about \$128,000, but it is hard to pinpoint a price as the car has numerous options, so many that you could practically build a custom-made car.

Yet the numerous standard features leave no doubt this is a top-of-the-line vehicle. Some of the amenities are the automatic climate control system with dust and pollen filters, heated power side view mirrors and windshield washer nozzles.

It has a leather-covered steering wheel that telescopes to the desired fit. The seats have power memory plus a leather interior.

PORSCHE 911 TURBO CABRIOLET

Vehicle Type	Two-passenger open-air sports car
Suggested Retail	\$128,000
Engine Type	DOHC 24-valve, 3.3-liter six-cylinder turbocharged w/SFI
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Torque	415 at 2,700 to 4,600 rpm
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NISSAN'S FUGA is part of the new look from Japanese automakers who are finally "getting" styling and giving it their own touch.

Japanese cars seem to have more eye-appeal — are developing their own style

Japanese automakers have long been criticized for bland styling, but, as I observed at the recent Tokyo Motor Show, they may finally "get" design.

My first clue upon arriving at the show was a chat with an executive with a Detroit automaker who keeps a close eye on emerging trends and the competition — and who will not be named here to save his skin. "Uh-oh," he said to me. "They've got quality and reliability, and now they're getting styling."

The executive, as do others whom I talked with, sees big trouble for Detroit if the Japanese truly "get" styling. Until now, Detroit automakers thought styling was their best defense against the Japanese.

The executive noted Nissan is leading the charge. Indeed, Nissan's eye-catching designs of the nostalgic Nissan 350Z, the curvaceous Nissan Murano sport utility and anything-but-boxy Quest minivan, along with the bulbous Infiniti FX35 and FX45 sport utilities have helped the automaker bounce back in sales.

"Nissan woke up first, and they woke up the rest of the Japanese industry," he said. "We wish they had stayed asleep."

Nissan's elegant and roomy Fuga, a concept version of Infiniti's upcoming M45 luxury sedan, captured a lot of attention. Nissan boasts that the Fuga adopts a "Japanese modern" theme.

Inside, it features unvarnished wood the color of a white cypress with a glossy black lacquered wood that provides the bold white-black contrast often seen in Japanese aesthetics. The lighting inside the Fuga imitates the paper shades used in Japanese homes.

The Fuga exemplified another trend I observed; that is, the emergence of thoroughly Japanese styling versus knock-offs of American and European designs.

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"Japanese fashion, architecture and furniture are popular worldwide. Why not cars?"

Olivier Boulay, head of design at Mitsubishi Motors Corp.

"This is a historical moment for Japan," Olivier Boulay, who two years ago left Mercedes-Benz to head design at Mitsubishi Motors Corp. in Japan, told me. "Instead of imitating the Europeans and Americans, the Japanese are developing their own design vocabulary."

Boulay has been encouraging his designers at Mitsubishi to come up with a distinctively Mitsubishi and distinctively Japanese styling. He points to Mercedes as a success story in developing a design scheme that is readily recognizable as Mercedes and as German, yet is accepted around the globe.

"Japanese fashion, architecture and furniture are popular worldwide. Why not cars?" he said. Indeed, Honda designer Hiroaki Nakamura, who came up with the styling for Honda's Kiwami fuel-cell concept, with its long flat roof and ground-hugging profile, said he specifically considered uniquely Japanese styling and came up with a minimalist scheme.

Minimalism, in fact, was a common theme of many of the Japanese automakers' concepts on display in Tokyo. Just as the city features traditional Pagoda-style architecture next to modern high-rises

aglow with digital lights, some concept cars, like the Fuga, juxtaposed traditional Japanese aesthetics with ultra-modern technologies, like telematics and electronic chassis controls.

Jim Hall, auto analyst with AutoPacific in California, pointed to the Toyota Crown, a large, traditional sedan sold in Japan, as an example of Japan's emerging styling trends.

"The Toyota Crown has been one of Japan's most conservatively designed cars," he said. "But look at the next-generation on display here. It's not radical but it's no longer conservative."

Two Lexus concepts, which suggest the future styling direction for Toyota's luxury division, also won high praise from some Detroit executives. Lexus has been criticized for imitating Mercedes-Benz, especially with its flagship LS 430 sedan.

What I noted at the Tokyo Motor Show is that before there was some hesitation, even a feeling of inferiority, in terms of design, which is ironic in a country where everything, from fish market displays to food preparation to gardening, architecture and house wares, is so artfully presented.

But the hesitation is dissipating. It struck me that a confluence of factors have come together to make the Japanese automakers step out with their own designs.

First, they have been highly criticized for boring styling and need that weapon in their arsenal. Second, while Japanese automakers are relatively young companies compared with those in the U.S. and Europe, they are maturing and building a heritage upon which to draw styling inspiration, a la the Nissan Z.

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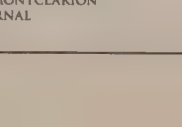
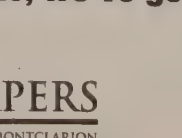
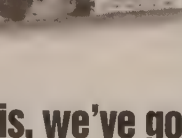
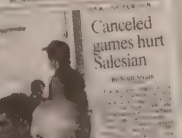
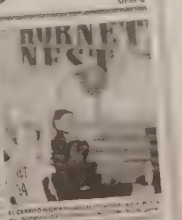
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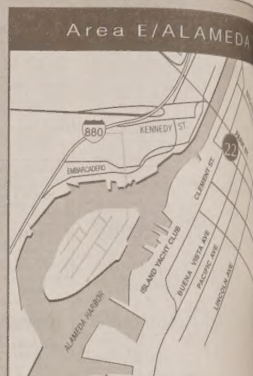
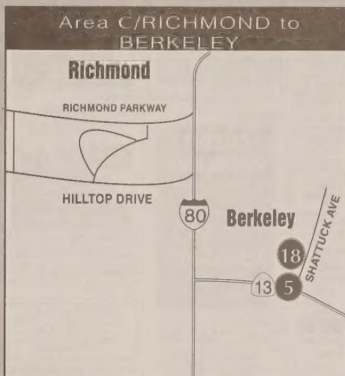
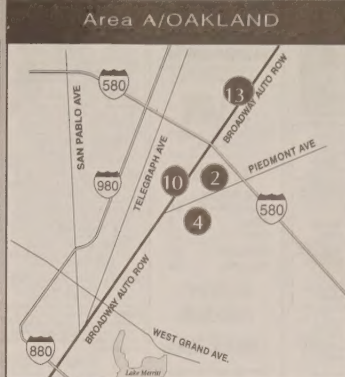
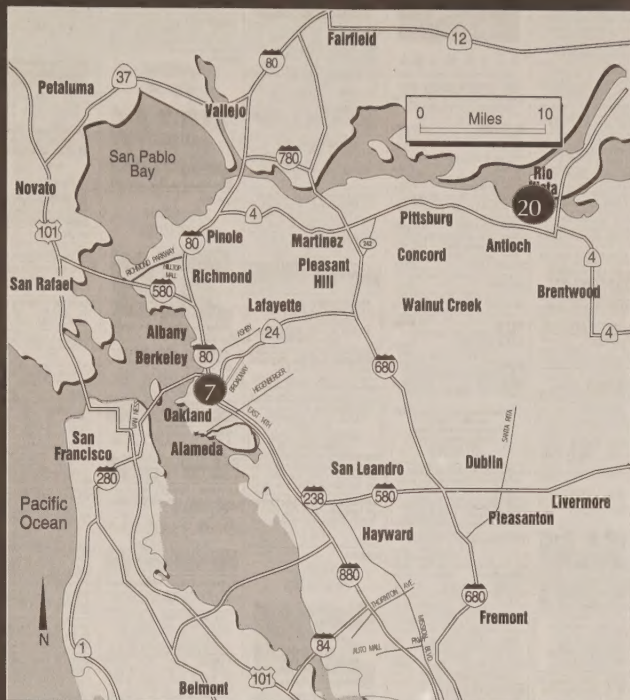
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